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Hackers put heat on climate talks

DOCUMENTS A leading climate change scientist says the leak of documents stolen from a British research institute may be aimed at undermining talks at next month's Copenhagen global climate summit.

Kevin Trenberth — of the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research, in Colorado — said yesterday that hackers cherry-picked from the stolen data and distributed selected documents to try to undermine scientific consensus on man-made climate change.

Britain's University of East Anglia said hackers last week stole data from its Climatic Research Unit, a leading global research centre on climate change.

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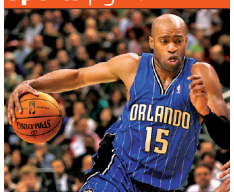

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Ashbridge's Bay **Very bear-able weather**

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While Steve Polansky, not pictured, flies his Revolution kite yesterday at Ashbridge's Bay, Daniel Marinov, 3, from left, Evan Marinov, 7, and Emilio Arriaza, 2½, try to attach a stuffed bear to the kite so it can go for a ride. The fine fall weather is expected to stick around for a few more days but forecasters are calling for flurries later in the week. More on the weather, page 3.

Token gesture

TTC halts sale of tokens in wake of upcoming fare hike

Taken aback by the amount of token hoarding following its decision to raise fares in January, the Toronto Transit Commission has suspended most token sales and reverted to tickets as a temporary measure.

The new, temporary tickets go on sale today. While tokens won't be sold, they can still be used.

TTC chair Adam Giambrone said the commission could have lost $5 million had it not suspended token sales.

But critics said the TTC should have been better prepared to manage its own fare increase without taking the drastic step of cutting off token sales.

"A billion-dollar corporation should be able to plan and anticipate events such as these," said Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong.

Riders have always hoarded tokens when fare increases are feared, and hoarding started in early November. The TTC then limited token sales, first to 10 per purchase, then to five. Giambrone acknowledged the TTC could have handled the increase better, however. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Do as I say, not as I do: Harper on the media

Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged journalists to "shine light into dark corners" of government affairs during a speech late Saturday, but wouldn't take questions from reporters covering the event.

Harper, who is known for his sometimes prickly relationship with parliamentary reporters, made the comments during an ethnic media awards dinner in Markham.

Freedom for Canadians goes hand-in-hand with journalistic freedom, he told the dinner guests gathered at Seneca College.

Members of the ethnic press and their readers understand what it's like in countries where "truth is only what the state says it is" and journalists are co-opted as government mouthpieces or threatened with their lives, Harper said.

The prime minister's staff said before the event, which was open to the media, that Harper would not be taking questions from reporters covering the event. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mystery

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Teen charged in 'unprovoked' attack

Charges have been laid against a 21-year-old man after an "unprovoked" violent attack in north Etobicoke Saturday. Police say the 19-year-old victim was approached by a man he didn't know who instigated a fight near Rexdale Boulevard and Islington Avenue, at about 8:30 p.m. The teen was stabbed in his left side, treated at Sunnybrook hospital and later released, police said. The alleged attacker was also treated at Sunnybrook for facial injuries, and then released into police custody. Justin Butt, of Toronto, is charged with assault with a weapon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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'Is this the new Finch?'

Residents recount shocking weekend murder at Bay Street condo

Loud yelling, five or six gunshots and then screams shattered the early-morning quiet as a man collapsed, dying, on the pavement in front of a Bay Street condo tower early yesterday.

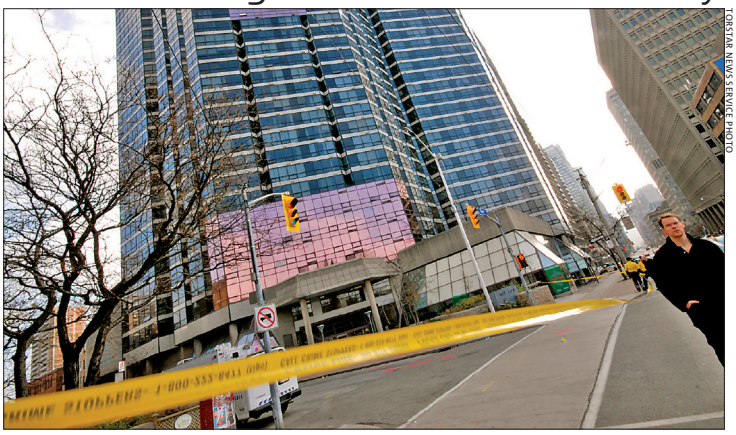
Hours later, forensic investigation officers were in front of 1001 Bay St., at St. Joseph Street, looking for clues to the 3:20 a.m. slaying. The victim was shot in the back.

What appeared to be a black jacket lay crumpled a few metres from the lobby doors and blood stains could be seen on the sidewalk.

On Bay Street, Zico Barnett and Liz Lyons were awoken on their first night in their new fifth-floor home by loud yelling outside.

"Then we heard the shots," Lyons said. Barnett said he heard five or six shots and went to the window. He saw the victim on the ground and about eight "young guys screaming, trying to get the ambulance."

Barnett said the victim appeared to be their age and was wearing what looked like baggy jeans, a hoodie, and white and black "skater shoes." Other witnesses pegged the victim's age at about 30.



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Police tape cordons off an area of Bay Street yesterday after a man was shot early yesterday.

After hearing "pop, pop, pop," Brent Williams and a friend he was visiting in the building went to investigate.

"We came downstairs and went outside and saw someone was giving the guy CPR," he said. "There was a bunch of people out there crying and stuff. They rolled him over because he was face down."

Witnesses reported seeing a man who could have been the shooter run down St. Joseph Street and get into a black car, possibly a Honda Civic. He was described as black, with a light complexion, 20 to 30 years old, with a muscular build and wearing a black jacket.

Hours later, a gun was found nearby, at Queen's Park Crescent. Police are checking if shell casings found on Bay Street match that weapon.

A white stretch limousine, a white Hummer-style limousine, and a black 2005 or 2006 Infinity SUV were seen leaving the scene and might be connected to the slaying.

John, a 1001 Bay St. resident who declined to give his last name, was shocked by the slaying outside the upscale building. He has two out-of-town nieces coming for a visit and hopes they don't find out what happened.

"It's horrible," he said watching police investigators. "Is this the new Finch? That's the first thing I thought this morning. Very rarely does stuff happen around here."

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It won't be balmy for long: Climatologist

WEATHER Enjoy our golden November, with its shorts-clad joggers and kids digging in soft sandboxes, while it lasts. Environment Canada says the warm and sun is going to be pushed out by clouds, showers and maybe flurries later this week. "November has been absolutely gorgeous," said Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips.

"We're living on borrowed time right now. This time of year we should have had our first dump of snow."

Yesterday's temperature at Pearson airport peaked at 10 C, but the sunshine made it feel October-like. The record high for the date is 15.8 C in 1999.

Flurries may come into the picture Friday, with a high of 3 C, low of 0 C and 40 per cent chance of flurries or rain showers, Environment Canada predicts.

But the snowfall will be minor, if the flurries even show up at the end of the week, says Phillips, holding out a slim hope the weather might continue relatively balmy, with rain but no snow, to December.

"It's almost as if winter's going to be a month shorter this year," said Phillips. "Maybe we're getting a break this winter."

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Temps this week

- Today's sunny forecast calls for a high of 10 C, about double the average high, with a low of 3 C, says David Phillips.
- Tuesday will see the start of a slide, with a high of 8 C and clouds.
- Wednesday is forecast to have a 70 per cent chance of showers and clouds.
- The prediction for Thursday is rainy with a high of 6 C.

News in brief

EDUCATION Higher than expected enrolment has helped the Toronto District School Board to post a modest surplus for its most recent financial year. It's not that enrolment went up, school board chair John Campbell said in an interview. But the number of students didn't drop either. "As a result, because we're paid on a per-student basis, we had more millions in our bank," he said. The surplus is a contrast to much of the last 10 years, when the board struggled to balance its books. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Who has 'fastest' wireless service?

Cellphone users are routinely hit with the buzz words "fastest" and "most reliable" when it comes to wireless networks.

So who has Canada's fastest wireless service? Is it Rogers, Bell or Telus?

Technology watchers say consumers will have a hard time telling the difference, despite the claims each network makes.

"Broadly speaking in a dense urban area ... you are going to tend to get about the same speed..." Duncan Stewart

"Broadly speaking in a dense urban area … you are going to tend to get about the same speed on each network," said technology analyst Duncan Stewart.

If all conditions are perfect — there is no rain, no one else is on the network and you have the latest device — you will get top speed, said Stewart, director of research and analysis at DSAM Consulting.

Nevertheless, Telus is suing Rogers in an attempt to force its competitor to abandon long-standing claims to having Canada's fastest and most reliable network.

Rogers has said it stands behind its claims.

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Canadians 'get' U.K. chef

Jamie Oliver finished shooting his latest reality TV show over the weekend in West Virginia, but the famously busy chef wasn't about to take a day off.

Hours after the production wrapped, Oliver was in Toronto to give a sold-out talk at the city's Roy Thomson Hall.

"I'm in a bizarrely spaced-out mood today," he said backstage before his appearance in front of an audience of about 2,300.

"I just feel like I've had quite a lot of stress removed from my shoulders."

For the last few months, Oliver has been in Huntington, W. Va., on his latest culinary crusade.

"Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution" features the rumpled British cooking guru trying to reform eating habits in the city of about 50,000, which has been dubbed the fattest in America.

His strategy was to give cooking lessons and encourage residents to "pass on" what they'd learned.

Oliver, of course, is no stranger to promoting healthy cuisine. His 2005 series "Jamie's School Dinners" galvanized Britain as he pushed to banish French fries and fish sticks from cafeterias in favour of healthy fare.

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British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver poses for a picture in Toronto yesterday. Oliver was in town for a sold-out speaking engagement at Roy Thomson Hall, attended by about 2,300 people.

As for his Toronto appearance, officials at Roy Thomson Hall said they couldn't remember ever hosting a chef for a speaking engagement.

For about 90 minutes, Oliver — dressed casually in jeans, sneakers and a leather jacket — told stories and took questions from an enthusiastic audience.

Topics ranged from his love of chili to his naked cooking mishaps and his disgust at the contents of some school lunches (he says he's seen four-year-olds bring Red Bull to accompany their midday meal).

Canadians, Oliver said, seem to "get" his projects, including his mission to change people's eating habits.

"If my buddies in Canada say we've got a theatre sold out of people who want to ask you questions, well, I'm coming, I'm turning up," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fourth suspect in home invasion arrested

A fourth person has been arrested in the home-invasion murder of a Brampton man earlier this month.

Peel police say 36-year-old Daniel Colacito will be charged today with first-degree murder in the Nov. 12 death of 38-year-old George Kalogerakis.

Fifth suspect sought by police

- A Canada-wide search is continuing for a 17-year-old boy, who police say should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

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Police say Kalogerakis was "executed" in front of his terrified 62-year-old mother, who was tied up and "subjected to brutal treatment."

Colacito was arrested at his Thornhill home Friday night without incident.

Police have already arrested Shevon Bailey, 21, and Isaac Kwakye, 18, in connection with Kalogerakis' death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge reserves decision on Scotiabank suit

COURT An Ontario court judge deciding whether a class action lawsuit against Scotiabank over unpaid overtime should be dismissed has reserved his decision.

Lawyer Louis Sokolov said arguments wrapped up Thursday.

A judge can reserve a decision for weeks or even months as they wade through the facts and arguments of a case. Justice George Strathy did not provide an estimated timeline for his decision.

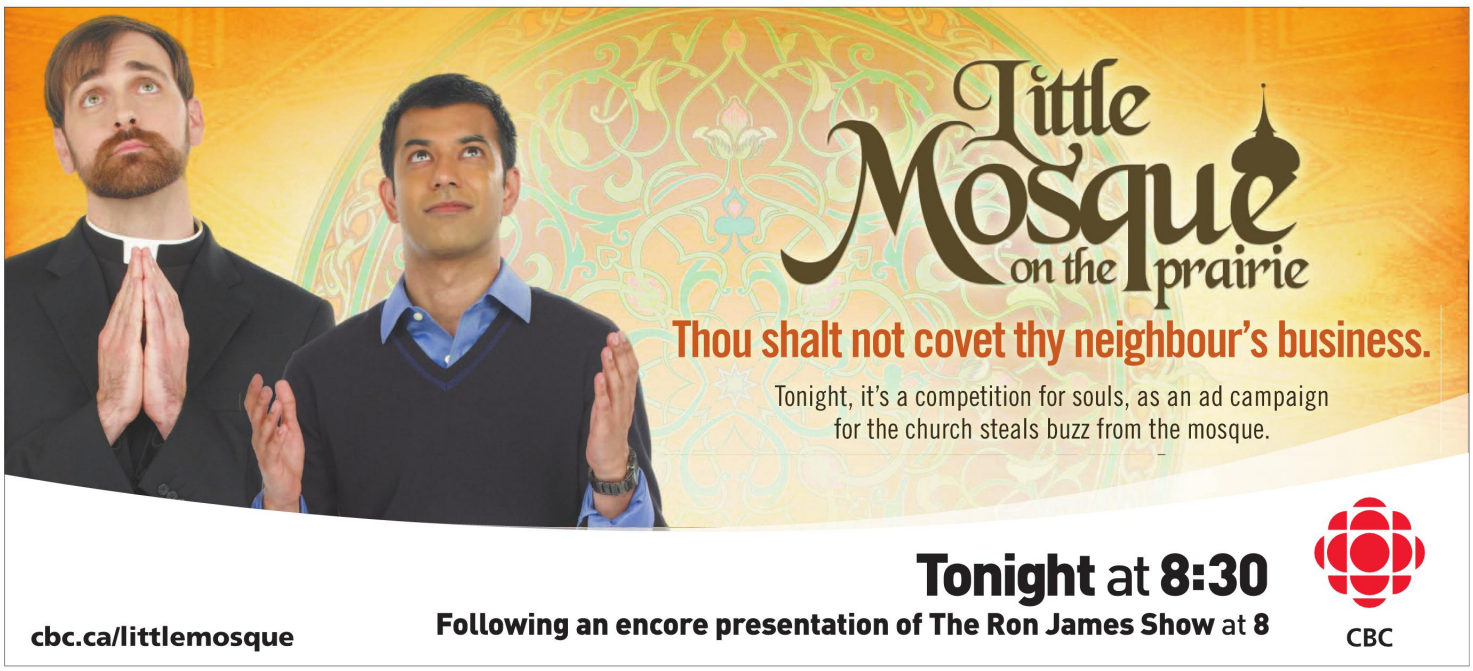
Reach

- Scotiabank has more than 69,000 employees and operations across Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Sokolov represents Cindy Fulawka, the lead plaintiff representing about 5,000 employees working as personal or senior bankers, financial advisers and account managers for small businesses at the bank's retail operations.

Fulawka, who has worked for the bank since 1986, but is currently on medical leave, claims the bank was loose with its record keeping when it came to extra work hours, resulting in employees working extra time they weren't being paid for.

None of the allegations have been proven in court. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Plan to aid homeless

Five-year project begins today

A research project that takes homeless people with mental illness off the streets in five cities and provides them with a safe place to live was officially launched today, the first such effort by the new Mental Health Commission of Canada.

The pilot study, called the At Home/Chez Soi project, involves 2,285 people who are homeless and living with a mental illness in five cities — Toronto, Moncton, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Altogether, 1,325 people will be given a place to live and social services over the course of the five-year study, while the others will receive services that are currently available. One of the goals is to find out more about what works well in providing services to homeless people.

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- Each city will have a particular focus. In Toronto, 300 participants — more than half from immigrant and ethno-racial groups — will get housing units.

Dr. Jayne Barker, director of the project, says the federal government has provided funding of $110 million for five years, but transition plans will be worked on so that at the end of the five-year study period, "nobody gets put back out on the street."

Barker said the At Home project is using a "housing first" approach that's been successfully tried in New York City.

There are an estimated 300,000 homeless people in Canada, statistics show.

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Skins casting call **Hoping for their big break**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Hundreds of teens lined up for hours outside Jarvis Collegiate Institute Saturday in hopes of landing a role on the U.S. version of the hit British series Skins. The open casting call was held to find young talent for the pilot episode of the edgy drama, which is being produced by MTV.

News in brief

SUSPECTS Toronto police are appealing to the public for help in finding suspects in a kidnapping and extortion case. Police allege a group of people, including a 17-year-old girl, kidnapped a total of three men at gunpoint Nov. 11 and demanded money and drugs. Dustin Brandejs, 22, of Toronto, and Amrinder Chhokar, 26, of Kitchener, are facing numerous charges. Arrest warrants have been issued for Mark Anthony Barreiras, 29, Shawn Jermaine Tyrell, 24, Bryan Robson Taylor, 23 and Patrick Anthony Anderson, 22, all of no fixed address, as well as a 17-year-old girl.

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Five shot and injured at 'zodiac' bash

It was a Scorpio birthday bash, a celebration of life for a half-dozen men born under that sign of the zodiac. A party to mark another year of survival, when so many of their friends had died in gang wars or reckless activity.

And then the shots rang out. About 3:30 a.m. yesterday, one man was shot in the head and the gunfire wounded four other people, including two women, inside the Atlanta Party Hall on Ellesmere Road in Scarborough.

Then people ran for the exits, hoping to get their cars from the parking lot before police arrived and sealed it off.

"Everybody was having fun," one man said, asking that his name not be used for fear of reprisals. "Once a year, you live to see your age. I'm happy to live to see 33. Then I heard a pop, pop, pop, pop. The crowd opened up and everybody ran."

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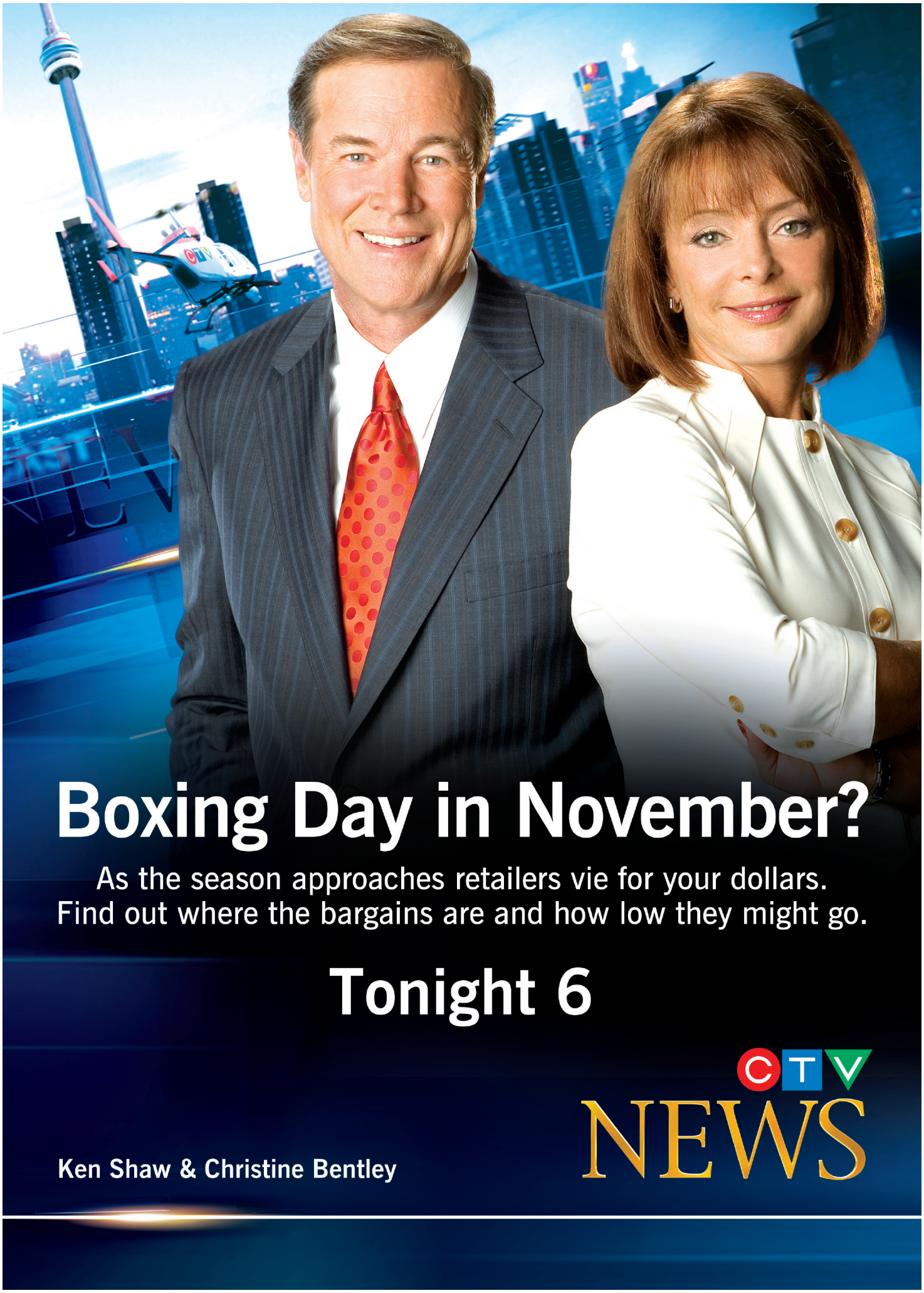
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Police searching for fake Salvation Army workers

Police are looking for people who posed as fake Salvation Army workers in Ingersoll last week. On Tuesday, a man and a woman wearing white jackets were seen collecting donations in the southern Ontario town. THE CANADIAN PRESS

True story behind name of Sloan's album

With a young son, Sloan bassist Chris Murphy says he doesn't really get out too much.

So it was somewhat of a rare occurrence on July 25 when, having just completed his second of two songs for the Halifax band's new five-song EP, Murphy decided to venture out on his bicycle to Toronto bar Magpie, where bandmate Jay Ferguson was DJing.

A few hours later, his life nearly came to a sudden halt.

Chris Murphy

Having just left the bar, Murphy pulled onto Dundas Street, where a careening driver smashed into him.

He flipped up onto the car's windshield, while his bike went underneath, completely destroyed.

The driver hastily fled the scene. Ferguson then called 911 as Murphy was lying unconscious on the ground.

Murphy suffered a broken collarbone and concussion-like symptoms, but, in a way, got off lucky.

"I definitely could've been killed," Murphy said recently. "The car went over my bike. My bike was completely destroyed. If I had gone under, I'd be dead or paralyzed."

But months later and Murphy says he now feels pretty good, which is important since the band has announced a 15-date tour that will begin Saturday in Detroit. The trek will wrap Dec. 15 at Vancouver's Commodore Ballroom after Sloan plays dates in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Whistler, B.C.

"I definitely could've been killed." Chris Murphy, Sloan bassist

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Student interviews reveal no new leads on missing girl: Police

MYSTERY Police say they have no new leads after interviewing almost all of the students at the high school attended by a missing 18-year-old Toronto girl.

All but four students at Forest Hill Collegiate had been interviewed by Friday afternoon as police investigate the disappearance of Mariam Maknihashvili.

The girl was last seen Sept. 14 outside the school but most students have said they never spoke to her.

The only solid clue so far in the case is Mariam's backpack, which was discovered with some school books in a parking lot on Oct. 8.

Parents view

- Mariam's parents have said it's unlikely she ran away since she left home with no money, no passport and no extra clothes.

Police have also been conducting a canvass of the area, asking that people let them inside for a quick look around.

On Oct. 27, police seized several computers from two libraries to examine who the girl contacted and what websites she visited.

"The story remains a mystery on her whereabouts," said Const. Tony Vella.

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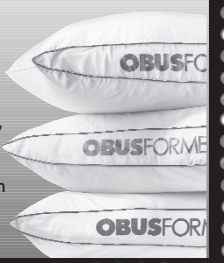

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No foul play in Whitby death, police say

Police say they do not suspect foul play in the death of a 26-year-old Pickering woman whose body was found in a ravine in Whitby, Ont.An autopsy on Friday found no signs of trauma or sexual assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court papers reveal tale of casino plant

There's a murky tale behind the building of a casino energy plant that's at the heart of a brewing scandal at Ontario's troubled lottery corporation and two multimillion-dollar lawsuits.

How taxpayers ended up shelling out $81 million for what currently amounts to a conventional boiler and cooling room emerges in the convoluted narrative contained in dozens of pages of documents filed in provincial court.

Both the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. and Buttcon Ltd. — part of the consortium that designed and built the plant — accuse the other of mismanagement, incompetence, and threats that soured their business relationship and sent costs soaring to twice the original budget.

$81M Taxpayers paid $81 million for a boiler and cooling room for the revamped casino in Windsor.

But they leave many questions unanswered, such as the true value of the plant, which one 2008 report pegged at between $21 million and $78 million.

The OLG decided to build the Windsor Energy Centre, which sits on top of the casino's parking garage, to provide energy for the expansion of Caesar's Windsor.

Court documents say it heats, cools and provides backup power to the casino, but doesn't generate electricity and isn't connected to the local grid as originally intended.

The agency harbours little hope of getting what it paid for without sinking more money into the facility. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ROM named eighth ugliest building

CRYSTAL A tourism website has put an addition to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto on its second annual list of the "World's Top 10 Ugly Buildings."

Virtualtourist.com puts Michael Lee-Chin's futuristic glass "Crystal" addition at No. 8 on the list.

The website says that while many praise the glass structure, "just as many are troubled by the incongruity to the original, more traditional museum that still sits directly beside it."

The list was compiled by the websites editors and members.

Here is the list:

1 Morris A. Mechanic Theater in Baltimore, Md.
2 Zizkov Television Tower; Prague, Czech Republic
3 "The Beehive"; Wellington, New Zealand
4 Center Georges Pompidou; Paris
5 Federation Square; Melbourne, Australia
6 Petrobras Headquarters; Rio de Janeiro
7 Markel Building; Richmond, Va.
8 Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, Royal Ontario Museum; Toronto
9 National Library; Pristina, Kosovo
10 Ryugyong Hotel; Pyongyang, North Korea

THE CANADIAN PRESS

City to honour blind activist

RIGHTS A blind human rights activist will be presented with a City of Toronto Access Award at a Human Rights Day ceremony Wednesday evening.

National vice-president of the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians, John Rae, will receive the honour at a ceremony in City Hall's Council Chamber for a "lifetime of effecting change" for people with disabilities, a city news release said.

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Inmate dies of natural causes

A man serving a life sentence for murder at a Brighton-area prison has died of natural causes. Corrections officials at the Warkworth Institution announced yesterday that 67-year-old James Wilson Brown died Saturday afternoon at Kingston General Hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

School to host prestigious Congress

A St. Catharines, Ont., university has been awarded the right to host one of Canada's most prestigious academic gatherings. The annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences will be held at Brock University in 2014. The conference is billed as the largest academic get-together in Canada, and is expected to draw as many as 8,000 delegates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reviving sagging Ignatieff

New Liberal chief of staff wants cerebral leader to be himself

Michael Ignatieff isn't a Tim Hortons kind of guy — and that suits his new chief of staff just fine.

Peter Donolo has spent his first week on the job reminding Liberals that party icon Pierre Trudeau wasn't exactly a donut shop everyman either and that didn't stop Canadians from electing him four times as prime minister.

The trouble for the current Liberal leader is that the Tories have successfully turned his resumé as an internationally acclaimed intellectual and former Harvard professor into a liability. To hear them tell it, Ignatieff is an elitist academic who's "in it for himself" and "just visiting" Canada after working more than 30 years abroad.

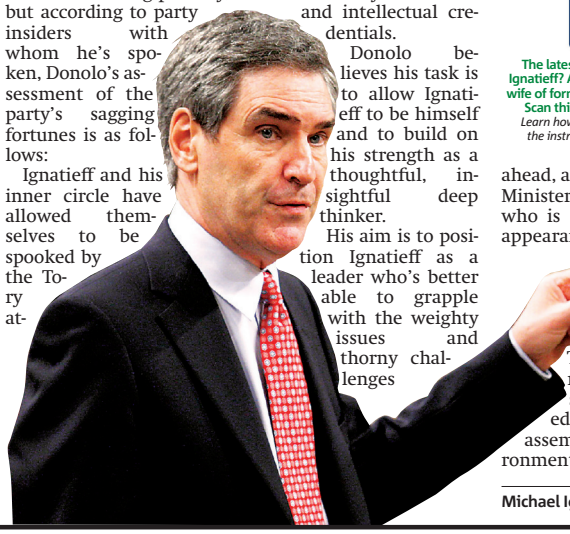
Donolo's goal is to turn that negative back into a positive.

He isn't talking publicly, but according to party insiders with whom he's spoken, Donolo's assessment of the party's sagging fortunes is as follows:

Ignatieff and his inner circle have allowed themselves to be spooked by the Tory attack ads. Consequently, they've played down Ignatieff's lofty academic and intellectual credentials.

Donolo believes his task is to allow Ignatieff to be himself and to build on his strength as a thoughtful, insightful deep thinker.

His aim is to position Ignatieff as a leader who's better able to grapple with the weighty issues and thorny challenges ahead, as opposed to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who is so devoted to the appearance of the common man that he chose to attend the opening of a new Tim Hortons shop rather than a speech to the United Nations general assembly on the environment. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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RCMP officer Const. Steph Rogers poses with Heather Boey, Steve Boey and their baby Nathan in this handout photo. The officer helped deliver the baby boy inside the couple's home.

B.C. RCMP officer helps deliver neighbour's baby

NEWBORN Steve and Heather Boey have always felt safe in their Vancouver-area home, having an RCMP officer living nearby.

But they didn't realize what a great neighbour they had until the officer helped deliver their baby boy — inside their Maple Ridge home.

Const. Steph Rogers, 38, came to the rescue Nov. 12, hours after the Boeys returned home from the hospital, certain their baby wasn't coming that night.

Heather Boey had been induced earlier that day, but she was told not to expect the baby's arrival until the next day.

At around 10:30 p.m., while in the bath, the 27-year-old woman felt the baby pushing.

Her husband called their midwife, who then called for paramedics. Steve Boey's next call was to Rogers.

Both the officer and husband helped ensure the delivery went smoothly, just in time for the ambulance to arrive.

Nathan Boey was born just after 11 p.m., weighing six pounds, 15 ounces. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CHOPPER A test to certify the model of helicopter involved in a fatal crash off Newfoundland showed it would remain airborne for "around 10 minutes" — about one third of the time required — if oil leaked from its gearbox, aviation regulators say. The cause of the Cougar Flight 491 crash in March, which killed 17 people, is still being investigated.

DEATH The Superior Court judge who first tried to order aboriginal protesters to vacate a former housing development in southern Ontario in 2006 has died at age 70. Justice David Marshall became well known for a number of rulings that came in the tension-filled early days of the First Nations standoff in Caledonia, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Auto parts workers ratify contract
One day after reaching a tentative three-year-deal, workers at an auto parts manufacturer near Windsor have ratified their new contract. More than 90 per cent of workers at Johnson Controls in Lakeshore voted yesterday in favour of the agreement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard

Military to continue 'village' approach

AFGHANISTAN Canada's top general in Afghanistan says he plans to continue the model-village approach pioneered by his predecessor.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Menard says coalition forces are likely to provide Canada with enough additional resources to focus both on Kandahar city and rural areas of the province.

Menard took over last week from Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance, who experimented with concentrating Canadian troops in districts southwest of the city.

Vance's strategy had met with much praise from Canada's NATO allies.

Menard announced last week he wanted to increase force levels in Kandahar city, raising concerns he would not have enough resources to sustain operations in rural Kandahar.

Canada has 2,800 troops based in Afghanistan.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Safety a concern: General

Top commander says prisoner transfers halted more than once

Canada's top military commander says the transfer of prisoners to Afghanistan authorities has been halted more than once due to safety concerns.

Gen. Walt Natynczyk, the country's chief of defence staff, wouldn't elaborate on when the halts took place — or how many times.

He said he didn't want to pre-empt statements from former military commanders, including retired general Rick Hillier, who are expected to appear before a special House of Commons committee this week.

There has only been one occasion when the federal government has publicly acknowledged that the army stopped handing over prisoners — in November 2007 — because of torture concerns.

The statement comes as the Conservative government renewed its attack on the credibility of diplomat Richard Colvin, who dropped bombshell allegations before Parliament last week by stating Canadian-captured prisoners were tortured.

In comments to CTV's Question Period on Sunday, Laurie Hawn, the parliamentary secretary for defence, said Colvin is simply not credible and his reports on the issue did not present enough first-hand evidence to the federal government.

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Gen. Walter Natynczyk, left, chief of defence staff and Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin attend the Halifax International Security Forum yesterday in Halifax.

Experts not surprised at torture allegations

It should come as no surprise that a country like Afghanistan, with its warrior culture and a history steeped in violence and armed conflict, would be prone to the sort of allegations of torture currently rocking Ottawa's political class, experts say.

For much of its history, the rugged, foreboding, tribally organized territory has seen a succession of invasions that date back to Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan. Since the Soviet invasion in the late 1970s, Afghanistan has been in an almost constant state of war.

U.S. State Department reports

- Successive reports from the U.S. State Department itself have made note of the problem. "Torture and abuse included pulling out fingernails and toenails, burning with hot oil, beatings, sexual humiliation, and sodomy," the department reported.

Fighting between the Taliban and other Afghan forces introduced a "real ethnic-cleansing dimension to what was historically just a sort of rivalry between groups (but) wasn't deep-seated hatred," said Larry Goodson, an Afghan expert with the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

The result has been a culture of brutalization of large elements of a dislocated Afghan society, worsened by the particularly austere brand of Islam imposed by the Taliban, observers say.

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Woman charged after 60km car chase

MANITOBA A 37-year-old woman in northwestern Manitoba is facing a long list of charges after a high-speed police chase that ended when the tires on her vehicle were flattened by two spike belts.

RCMP chased the woman's four-door sedan Saturday afternoon for 60 kilometres at speeds of up to 100 kilometres per hour along a highway and then on gravel roads.

When her car was finally disabled, police discovered the woman had a seven-year-old child in the front seat.

The woman, whose name has not been released, is charged with impaired driving, dangerous driving, breaching probation and fleeing police. Police say a vehicle with the same description is reported to have struck a light standard in the community of Winnipegosis earlier in the day. RCMP say there were no injuries during this incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

STANDOFF A seven-hour standoff at a downtown Ottawa hotel came to an end yesterday. Reports say five women and four men — described as young adults — were inside a room with a gun at the Minto Suites Hotel, where a party was taking place.

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Arrest made in Kitchener death
An arrest has been made in the Saturday death of a Kitchener man. Paul Joseph Smith died after a scuffle outside a city nightclub. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP chief expecting critical Air India report

Police force 'long way from ideal' at time: Elliott

Canada's top Mountie says he expects the coming report on the deadly 1985 Air India bombing to be highly critical of the RCMP.

But William Elliott says that's "fair and reasonable" given the problems plaguing the Canadian intelligence community at the time.

"I think there were a lot of things that were a long way from ideal," Elliott said in an interview.

A Boeing 747 carrying 329 passengers, most of them Canadian, was en route to New Delhi when it blew apart off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985.

Police have long believed Air India Flight 182 was destroyed by Sikh separatists who seethed with anger at the Indian government.

Elliott

A federal inquiry led by former Supreme Court justice John Major examined whether there was adequate assessment of the terrorist threat, the relationship between the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and issues concerning Canadian aviation security.

The commission of inquiry said in July its report was ready to be reviewed by federal agencies to flag any information whose publication might compromise national security. The report is expected in coming months, though no release date has been set.

The complex RCMP investigation of the bombing was hampered by turf wars between the Mounties and the newly formed CSIS, which took up national security duties just a year earlier.

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Torch relay **In Anne country**

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Olympic hockey great Cassie Campbell-Pascal lights the Olympic cauldron yesterday at the famous Anne of Green Gables house in Cavendish, P.E.I. The 2010 Winter Olympic torch was on the P.E.I. leg of its countrywide journey this weekend, leaving for New Brunswick today. Follow the Olympic torch's journey with an interactive map at metronews.ca/sports

Alberta, B.C. look to expand UN heritage site

Alberta and British Columbia are looking to add more international sparkle to Canada's Rocky Mountain parks.

Seven parks in the Rockies are already collectively designated as a UN World Heritage Site because of their spectacular peaks, glaciers, pristine lakes, wildlife and geology.

Now the two provinces and Parks Canada are talking about asking the UN to add nearby provincial parks and other protected lands to the heritage site. If approved, the expanded area could cover up to 3.5 million hectares of wilderness.

Parks Canada would make the application to the UN, but only after Alberta and B.C. decide which areas to nominate. The United Nations has been encouraging Canada to make the application for three years.

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Snow blamed for 180 crashes in Edmonton
The first major snowfall of the season in the Edmonton area resulted in more than 180 crashes Saturday, including one in which a police officer was injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

North left feeling cold by stimulus

Rankin Inlet Mayor John Hickes reads about government money gushing to infrastructure projects in the south and he hears about government officials making announcements across the territories.

But he's yet to see anything actually happen in his burgeoning Nunavut community on the northwestern shore of Hudson Bay, a hamlet where diamond prospects hold promise but four litres of milk cost $15.

"If this stimulus package is working, it went somewhere else. It sure as hell didn't stop here," Hickes said in a recent interview.

The mayor is voicing a dissatisfaction that has spread through many of the small far-flung towns that dominate northern demographics. Critics there feel the federal stimulus program has been designed for the rest of the country, and when it's spent in the North, it only goes to the main hubs.

$3.2M
Nunavut has received $3.2 million of the government's infrastructure stimulus funding.

When Hickes heard Ottawa was offering money for infrastructure projects that were "shovel ready," his chief administrative officer quickly prepared a list of projects together worth $140 million.

None of them got the green light. The entire territory of Nunavut received just $3.2 million from the government's flagship Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

But understanding the flow of stimulus money in the North is complex and involves far more than just the infrastructure fund, government officials at the federal and territorial level argue. That fund, and the Recreational Infrastructure Canada fund that pays for hundreds of rinks and playgrounds in other parts of the country, are distributed on a per capita basis to provinces and territories. By any measure, the North gets its fair share, but since its populations are so small, the contributions are minimal.

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News in brief

FARMING The Canadian Wheat Board, apparently for no reason, shared "sensitive information" about farmers with companies that handle grain, says a newly released document. An internal audit completed last year says the wheat board couldn't explain why it sent farmers' "confidential personal financial data" to the taxman and so-called handling agents for an unidentified period of time. "It appears to be a task that is done as 'it has always been done' but no one was able to provide us with the exact reason," the review said.

POLITICS The Parti Québécois is promising to beef up the province's French language charter if it ever gets back to power. Wrapping up a two-day meeting, Leader Pauline Marois ripped the Liberal government for doing nothing to stem the erosion of French language, particularly in Montreal. And she promised to reinforce Bill 101, Quebec's language charter, if the separatist party ever gets back into power. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Island evacuees returning to flooded homes

FLOODING When Kelly Nicholls, 17, left his home in the Vancouver Island community of Duncan Friday, the water that had flooded the street was just touching the edge of his one-storey house.

"When we first got out, the water was just seeping in, but at the end of it everything was knee-high," Nicholls said as his family prepared to start cleaning up after the floods subsided yesterday.

"Everything's everywhere, there's things everywhere, clothes, appliances — it's just wrecked."

A combination of heavy rain, melting snow and high tides caused the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers and several creeks to spill their banks Friday, flooding dozens of homes in Duncan and the surrounding area.

The local regional district declared a state of emergency Friday and initially placed about 300 houses under an evacuation order as water streamed around a network of dikes that were built in the 1960s.

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Phillip Joe talks on his cellphone Saturday as he stands in a pool of water on the main road in front of his home on the Cowichan First Nation Reserve. A combination of heavy rain, melting snow and high tides caused the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers and several creeks to spill their banks Friday.

The number of evacuees had since dropped to about 100 homes in Duncan, about an hour's drive north of Victoria, and the North Cowichan district to the west.

However, people still under the order have been told they can return if they feel it's safe and the district planned to reassess later in the day yesterday.

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Maine governor concerned over NB Power deal

ENERGY Maine's governor is worried about the proposed mega sale of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec and is eager to voice his concerns to Quebec Premier Jean Charest.

Gov. John Baldacci's officials are evaluating what the deal could mean for Maine, which currently imports some of its power from New Brunswick.

The prospect of Hydro-Quebec becoming a regional powerhouse following last month's $4.75-billion deal is weighing heavily among politicians and business leaders in New England.

Jean Charest

The tentative agreement says Hydro-Quebec would take over the majority of NB Power's assets — including transmission lines to Maine.

The new proposal would give Hydro-Quebec a foothold in the northeastern U.S. and put it in an ideal position to cut off other Maritime competitors.

There has also been concerns raised by the office of Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams, who warned last week that the takeover would give Quebec a "stranglehold" on energy exports to the northeastern U.S.

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Authorities investigating radiation release at Three Mile Island

A small amount of radiation has been detected in a reactor building at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in central Pennsylvania. Officials say there is no public health risk. The plant was the site of a major nuclear accident in 1979. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Record storms pounding Britain

Police and army experts say they're urgently checking the safety of about 1,800 bridges in northern England amid some of the worst storms ever recorded in Britain. Heavy rainfall has ravaged England's popular Lake District, with more than 1,000 homes flooded and several river crossings destroyed. Police said yesterday that concerns over the safety of bridges have crippled the region's road network. A police officer was swept to his death Friday when a major bridge collapsed close to Cockermouth, the hardest-hit town. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill moves on for debate

HEALTH CARE U.S. Senate Democrats, without a vote to spare, pushed forward a bill to overhaul the American health care system, but a divisive debate still lies ahead and there is no assurance the measure — as written — will win approval in the upper chamber of the Congress.

In a rare weekend session, the Senate voted 60-39 to move the health care reform legislation to the floor for a full debate, expected to begin after lawmakers return from the U.S. Thanksgiving recess. The 60 votes were the minimum needed under Senate rules to overcome Republican legislative manoeuvers to prevent the bill from even being debated.

The legislation would extend coverage to roughly 31 million Americans without insurance, crack down on insurance company practices that deny or dilute benefits and curtail the growth of spending on medical care nationally.

Saturday's vote was hailed as a victory for President Barack Obama.

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China mine blast kills 92

Questions of safety again after latest coal mine disaster

When gas levels suddenly spiked deep in the Xinxing coal mine, Wang Jiguo grabbed two co-workers and they ran for their lives. Minutes later, there was a huge bang, a torrent of hot air and the earth shuddered.

Two days later, at least 92 people are reported dead and 16 missing, the official Xinhua news agency said. The deadliest accident in China's mining industry for two years has highlighted how heavy demand for power-generating coal comes at a high human cost.

"Development is important, but the growth of GDP shouldn't be achieved at the price of miners' blood," said provincial governor Li Zhanshu, urging officials to better manage coal mines.

The blast at the nearly 100-year-old mine in Heilongjiang province, near the Russian border, dealt a blow to the central government's race to improve safety, which has seen the shuttering or absorbing of hundreds of smaller, private mines into state-owned operations.

The government says the closure of about 1,000 dangerous small mines last year has helped cut fatalities. Yet hundreds still die in major accidents each year, even at state-run mines, such as a blast in Shanxi province in February that killed 78 and a gas leak in Chongqing municipality in May that killed 30.

After Saturday's accident, the Xinxing mine's director, deputy director and chief engineer were fired, said an employee, who refused to give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Of the 528 people reported working in the mine at the time of the explosion, 420 escaped, Xinhua reported. At the Hegang Mining Group General Hospital, which a spokesman said was treating 32 injured miners, a few were in the intensive care unit under police guard.

Survivors recounted their harrowing escapes. In an account reported by Xinhua, Wang, 35, who monitored gas levels in the shaft, suddenly grabbed two other workers near him and started scrambling to the door, shouting: "Run quickly, don't carry anything!"

Authorities say the 16 miners still missing are trapped about half a kilometre underground. One entrance was blocked, and rescue teams in orange work suits and hard hats were sent underground in mining carts down a separate shaft.

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Rescuers on a trolley prepare to enter the site of the gas explosion at the Xinxing Mine in China.

"Development is important, but the growth of the GDP shouldn't be achieved at the price of miners' blood."
Li Zhanshu, Governor of Heilongjiang province

Saddam loyalists paraded on TV

IRAQ A stepped-up campaign by Iraq's prime minister against Saddam Hussein loyalists is alienating Sunni Muslims and stoking tensions between them and the majority Shiites ahead of key national elections. In its latest anti-Baathist attack, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government put three men on state TV yesterday to confess their alleged role in planning suicide attacks in Baghdad last month. The three, all in detention and dressed in orange prison jumpsuits, said the bombings were ordered by Saddam's Baath Party. Al-Maliki's intensified rhetoric worsens one of Iraq's most dangerous sectarian fault lines — one which the United States has long struggled to calm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al-Maliki

29 dead, 240 rescued in sinking

INDONESIA Rescuers saved more than 240 people aboard a passenger ferry that sank yesterday in rough waters off Sumatra island, but 29 people have died and at least 17 others were missing, officials said. A second ferry ran aground nearby, but all its passengers were said to be safe. Indonesian ferry accidents have killed hundreds of people in recent years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tribe demands member's release

A Yemeni tribe that kidnapped a Japanese engineer a week ago says it has no links to al-Qaida and is demanding the release of an imprisoned member. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ex-Iran VP released

Opposition, family say confessions coerced

Iran released a former vice-president on a $700,000 US bail yesterday after his lawyer said he had been sentenced to six years in prison in the mass trial of opposition figures accused of fomenting the post-election unrest.

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Former Iranian vice-president Mohammad Ali Abtahi, seen in this September 2003 file photo, has been sentenced to six years.

Mohammad Ali Abtahi, who served under former president Mohammad Khatami in his two terms from 1997-2005, is the most senior former official among more than 100 people on trial since August. After his arrest, he made televised confessions saying he had provoked people to riot. But his family and other opposition figures said the statements were coerced — a claim also made about other defendants' confessions during the trial.

Tehran prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi said Abtahi was released on a $700,000 US bail after the verdict was delivered, the official IRNA news agency reported. The report did not say what his sentence was. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran starts large-scale war drills

WAR GAMES Iran yesterday began large-scale air defence war games aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from attack, state TV reported, as an air force commander boasted the country could deter any military strike by Israel.

It said the five-day drill will cover an area a third of the size of Iran and spread across the central, western and southern parts of the country.

Gen. Ahmad Mighani, head of an air force unit in charge of responding to threats to Iran's air space, said Saturday the war games would cover regions where Iran's nuclear facilities are located. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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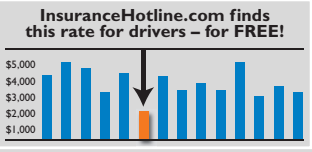

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Worshippers gathered in Nazareth yesterday for the beatification of Sister Maria Alfonsina Danil Ghattas who co-founded a charity that educates Arab girls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Podium for 9/11 suspects?

The five men facing trial in the Sept. 11 attacks will plead not guilty so that they can air their criticisms of U.S. foreign policy, the lawyer for one of the defendants said yesterday.

Scott Fenstermaker, the lawyer for accused terrorist Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, said the men would not deny their role in the 2001 attacks but "would explain what happened and why they did it."

The U.S. Justice Department announced earlier this month that Ali and four other men accused of murdering nearly 3,000 people in the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. will face a civilian federal trial just blocks from the site of the destroyed World Trade Center.

Ali, also known as Ammar al-Baluchi, is a nephew of professed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Mohammed, Ali and the others will explain "their assessment of American foreign policy," Fenstermaker said.

"Their assessment is negative," he said.

Fenstermaker met with Ali last week at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He has not spoken with the others but said the men have discussed the trial among themselves.

Critics of Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to try the men in a New York City civilian courthouse have warned that the trial would provide the defendants with a propaganda platform.

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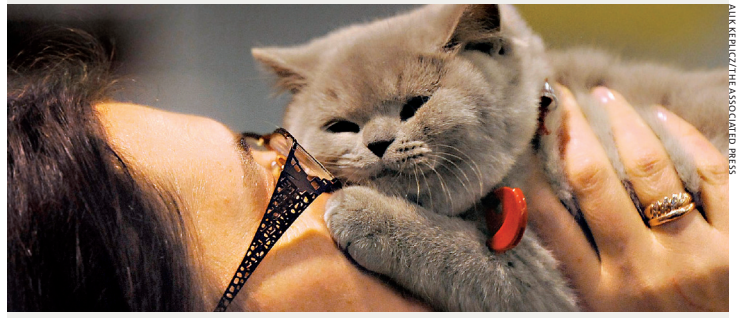

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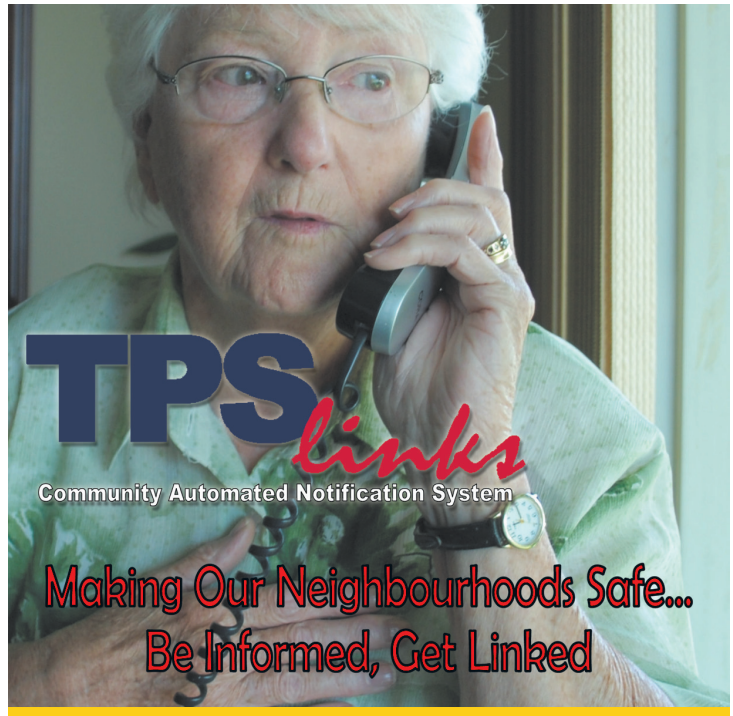
A kitten is comforted by its owner during an international cat show in Warsaw on Saturday.



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Comment

Coping with the TTC fare increase

InTransit

Ed Drass

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TTC riders must continue adapting to a token shortage until the Jan. 3 fare hike takes effect. In recent weeks, token users have had to deal with purchase limits, often waiting in lineups to buy a maximum five of the two-tone coins.

Now, token sales are being suspended in favour of temporary tickets. There won't be a limit on the tickets, but they have a Jan. 31 expiry date. (For details, see today's news section of Metro and ttc.ca.)

The challenge for riders is to make it to the new year with a minimum of difficulty. TTC spokesperson Brad Ross tells In Transit that collectors will sell their remaining supplies of tokens, and tickets are to be available by this afternoon.

"In recent weeks, token users have had to deal with purchase limits, often waiting in lineups to buy a maximum five of the two-tone coins."

Boarding buses and streetcars won't be an issue — after all, the TTC issued tickets for decades — but subway stations could prove trickier. Paper tickets won't work in turnstiles — students and seniors know this too well — so there could be more crowding at collector booths. Ross says officials will assess lineups in the coming days and may open extra "crash gates;" the temporary entrances often used in rush hour.

Meanwhile, passholders have been able to steer around the lineups. If I didn't already subscribe to the Metropass Discount Plan, I would seriously consider buying a December card to avoid the token/ticket situation. If you don't expect to be around the whole month, you can lend out the Metropass — or use weekly passes.

The TTC day pass is another hassle-avoiding option, and the ones currently on sale don't have an expiry — they are valid beyond the January fare hike date.

If you were hoping to lock in a Metropass subscription at the current rate, sorry. The first month available is January, for the new price. The 100,000 TTC riders who already receive their pass by mail will continue to enjoy the same monthly charge until the anniversary date of their subscription.

Most of these details are at ttc.ca already — see Fares & Passes — and I trust special info about the tickets will be online very soon.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Views

Squirrels can drive you nutty over the holidays

HineSight

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Today we begin a series on "Prepping for the holidays." First up, how to avoid those pesky "what-the-hell-was-I-thinking?" holiday moments. A what-the-hell-was-I-thinking? is anything that seemed like a good idea at the time, even though everyone else could see disaster coming a mile off.

Here is an example. Recently, my friend Rob found himself with a flat car tire and a hubcap stuck on tight. Rob had an idea. He took a handy, thin metal strip and easily pried off the hubcap. Unfortunately, the metal strip he used, and which snapped in two in the process, was his car key. Leading Rob to ask, "what-the-hell-was-I-thinking?"

What-the-hell-was-I-thinking's are common around any major holiday. Suddenly, "holiday head" sets in and we find ourselves thinking, "Gosh, it would be fun to invite both sides of the family to dinner" in spite of what happened the last six years, or "I'm sure everyone will prefer a tofu turkey because it's kinder to animals."

There is a solution. You can avoid a what-the-hell-was-I-thinking? by following this simple plan.

Pause.

Now ask yourself one all-important question. "Is there any possible way that what I am planning to do could lead me to end up with an angry squirrel trapped in a metal garbage can?"

Perhaps I should explain.

A half-hour ago, I went into my backyard to feed the birds, accidentally leaving the lid off the metal garbage can that holds my birdseed. I came back onto the deck. A scuffling from the can. The black squirrel that rules my backyard was inside the can, munching seed. Instantly, I threw the lid on. "Hah!" I rejoiced, "I've trapped the nasty, evil squirrel in a can!" This was followed immediately by, "Oh my God. I've trapped the nasty, evil squirrel in a can!"

I now have three options. A) Remove the lid and possibly get my face chewed off. B) Never, ever remove the lid and never be able to use the can, birdseed or possibly my deck ever again. Or C) Do what any sensible woman would do. Call my partner to come home from hockey practice and let the squirrel out of the can. She has a face mask.

So, before you issue invitations, plan a menu or even think about presents, ask whether squirrels, metal cans or hockey masks are likely to become involved in any way. And let's all have a what-the-hell-was-I-thinking? free holiday.

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In the beginning ...

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Rock the water

Web music project aims for cleaner shorelines

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Metro Canada

Mark Mattson doesn't like a sign that says "don't swim, don't drink, don't fish" on a waterfront.

As the president of Lake Ontario Waterkeeper, Mattson has been leading a crusade against water pollution along with other grassroots Waterkeeper and Riverkeeper organizations across Canada for almost a decade. So, when the time came to step up the battle for cleaner shorelines and waterways, the choice for naming the latest salvo was clear.

"What we are really fighting for is public access to clean water — fish habitat, drinking water and recreation. So, we took off the 'don't' and that became sort of our model," Mattson, 47, tells Metro.

With some rock 'n' roll thrown in the mix, Swim Drink Fish Music (swimdrinkfishmusic.com) was born.

Launched in June this year, the online music and audio project brings together activists, musicians and artists who care about clean water. The website features exclusive songs from iconic rockers such as The Tragically Hip's Gord Downie and Bruce Cockburn as well as indie artists like Stars and Apostle of Hustle. These tunes are made available to anyone who wants to become a part of the water conservation movement.

In fact, Downie, with a little help from alt-country rockers The Sadies, is Swim Drink Fish Music's featured artist for this month with a rousing rendition of Randy Newman's Louisiana 1927, a song that has deep significance for water issues.

"As an environmental justice group, we are small and we need a lot of people, not just environmentalists involved. (We need) musicians … lending their talents, singing songs, helping us with concerts. People like Downie, (Canadian singer-songwriters) Sarah Harmer and Dave Bidini started understanding and getting to know the issues, being more than just creative inspirations.

"It just seemed like a natural way to not underutilize their time and at the same time not turn Lake Ontario Waterkeeper and the other groups into concert venues," says Mattson.

True to Mattson's words, there's a lot more to Swim Drink Fish Music than just hanging out at a virtual rock club. The online forum also sheds light on some of the burning issues at hand in conventional ways — through radio shows and podcasts, including a Canadianized version of celebrity environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr's Ring of Fire program.

But Mattson acknowledges that the musical hook works as a calling card for the fledgling Waterkeepers.

"(Swim Drink Fish Music) has been effective for us. I have it everywhere I go. It's a great way to introduce yourself to our work. Then, if you are more interested in getting involved, you can become a member of the actual organization," Mattson explains.

Bidini echoes a similar sentiment. Swim Drink Fish Music's featured artist for September, the former Rheostatics guitarist contributed a 30-song suite about "the water/the lake/the land" to the website. He hopes that his set will draw his fans to the cause.

"Come for the music, stay for one's conscience," Bidini says.

Getting involved

- Membership for Swim Drink Fish Music is $10 per year. Visit swimdrinkfishmusic.com for more information.
- For information about Lake Ontario Waterkeeper and other Canadian Waterkeeper and Riverkeeper organizations, visit waterkeepers.ca

Swim Drink Fish Music is an online forum that brings together artists like The Tragically Hip's Gord Downie, top right, and activists like Mark Mattson, right, in the fight against water pollution.

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Scientists were surprised because typically during a recession, pollution declines. But spurred by China's booming economy, global warming gas emissions worsened worldwide, according to a study published online last week.

"The growth in emissions since 2000 is almost entirely driven by the growth in China," said study lead author Corinne Le Quere of the University of East Anglia. "It's China and India and all the developing countries together."

Global pollution is up despite an economic slump thanks to China, a recent study shows.

Carbon dioxide emissions, the chief man-made greenhouse gas, come from the burning of coal, oil, natural gas, and also from the production of cement, which is a significant pollution factor in China. Worldwide emissions rose 671 million more tons from 2007 to 2008. Nearly three-quarters of that increase came from China.

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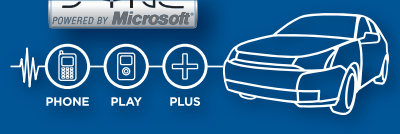

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In the November 19 and 20 edition of Metro Toronto, inaccurate information appeared in the Centre Honda ad. The images of the 2010 CR-V and 2010 Civic Coupe were matched up with incorrect pricing information.
The correct new MSRP for the 2010 Civic DX Coupe is $16,190 with leasing from /APR $148 at 3.9% per month for 48 months with $2,500 down on approved credit.
The correct new MSRP for the 2010 CR-V LX 2WD is $26,290 with leasing from/APR $268 at 3.9% per month for 48 months with $3,750 down on approved credit.
Metro sincerely regrets the error.

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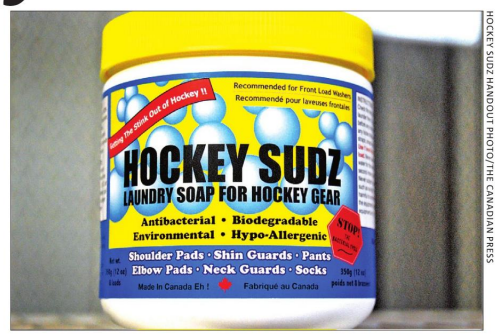
Hockey dads battle stink

Hockey gear and stink have long made a nose-plugging, knock-em-dead team. Lacking an easy way to curb stench, many players and their families have held their noses and accepted the problem.

But when two hockey dads got stuck in an SUV waiting for a Vancouver-area ferry with six young puck-shooting girls and their six foul-smelling hockey bags, they decided to mount a defence.

Instead of keeling over from spending nearly two hours waiting for the vessel that would take their daughters to their minor league hockey game, Keith Howlett and Bill McDougall spent the next two years battling reek. The result was Hockey Sudz.



HOCKEY SUDZ HANDOUT PHOTO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The idea for Hockey Sudz was born when two hockey dads decided to fight back after they got stuck for two hours in an SUV with six young puck-shooting girls and their foul-smelling bags.

Trial, error, the advent of the frontload washer, and plenty of research eventually led the high school counsellor and postal worker to create the natural, soap-based product. It's antibacterial, biodegradable and hypo-allergenic. And unlike other detergents they tried, it doesn't break down the glue holding gear together.

The business partners say freshening up gear not only makes travelling to games more pleasant, it's a health-conscious move that can ward off infection.

While currently only on sale at a handful of retailers in Western Canada right now, Howlett said it appears Hockey Sudz (hockeysudz.com) has made quite the splash — he's even received emails from one user who said it saved her marriage.

The inventors are now working to find a big-box store to carry the product, Howlett said.

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2 bidders in running for Nortel assets

AUCTION Some of Nortel Networks' most-prized assets were on the auction block Friday as two technology giants put their best bids forward in hopes of gaining control.

Both Ciena Corp. and Nokia Siemens participated in an auction for the optical networking and carrier ethernet business at the New York offices of the insolvent technology giant's lawyers. A winner has yet to be determined.

Nortel launched the process after a delaying the auction for a week as it talked with the interested parties. The sale will require court approvals once a winner is determined.

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Investors upbeat, TSX heads for solid gains

MARKETS The Toronto stock market is entering the last full week of November trading amid another wave of worry about the strength of an economic rebound.

The market is on track to a solid gain for November, carrying on a recent pattern where market slippage has been short-lived as investors buy into dips.

Buyers have stayed optimistic despite the growing realization that the recession won't be giving way to a period of rapid growth.

"Last year, it was sell the rally — any time the markets perked their heads up at all, they were getting pounded," observed Colin Cieszynski, market analyst at CMC Markets Canada. "And this year, it's been a more 'buy on the dips' mentality."

Last week's move leaves the TSX up 28.8 per cent for the year to date — and an impressive 53 per cent from the lows of early March. This week will be an off week for stock markets, since the U.S. markets are closed Thursday for the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, then reopen for a shortened session Friday.

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Banks

- Investors will get a look at the health of the big Canadian banks when Bank of Montreal kicks off the quarterly — and full-year — earnings season for the big Canadian banks tomorrow.

Germans to build railroad in Qatar

DEAL Qatari Diar Real Estate Investment Company, an investment company owned by Qatar's sovereign wealth fund, yesterday signed a $26-billion US deal with Germany's national railway operator Deutsche Bahn to build a railroad network, a key part of the natural gas-rich Gulf sheikdom's expansion plans. The railroad network will take about 15 years to complete.

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Coffee gives jam-maker profit jolt

J.M. Smucker Co. nearly tripled its profit in the second quarter as the addition of Folgers coffee gave a jolt to its lineup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China **Auto sales outpace U.S.**

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A person dressed up as a Skoda logo interacts Saturday with visitors at the Auto Beijing car expo in Beijing, China. Powered by tax cuts and stimulus spending, China's October auto sales soared 72 per cent from a year earlier, outpacing U.S. sales for another month.

Strong finish for banks?

Canada's biggest banks are expected to report a relatively strong finish to the financial year when they start reporting fourth-quarter earnings tomorrow, but their capital markets divisions could leave investors jittery about the future.

"It's going to be a good quarter, for sure, for capital markets, but there may be room for disappointment if people have overestimated just how good it's going to be," said Brad Smith, an analyst at Blackmont Capital. "If we get a disproportionate amount of earnings coming from trading profits, that's going to be viewed as lower quality because it's simply not sustainable."

Analysts will be closely monitoring the capital markets divisions, which have powered the last couple quarters and helped drive profits at the banks.

An estimate by Genuity Capital Markets puts overall trading revenue in the Canadian banks up 125 per cent so far this year over last, which is worth about $5.5 billion. That compares to an increase in provisions for credit losses of 100 per cent, or $3.6 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Groves wins speedskating gold

Ottawa's Kristina Groves won gold yesterday in the women's 1,500-metre race at a World Cup long-track speedskating competition. Groves, who captured silver in the distance at the 2006 Olympics, crossed the line in one minute 55.16 seconds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Bolt, Richards nab IAAF awards

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, left, and 400-metre runner Sanya Richards of the United States have won their second IAAF World Athlete of the Year awards. Bolt retained the honour yesterday by winning the 100- and 200-metre finals in record times at the world championships in Berlin. Richards, the 2006 winner, got her first major individual gold medal at the worlds in August. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carter helps Magic sink Raps

NBA

Magic 104 Raptors 96

Orlando Magic AT Toronto Raptors

Nearly five years after leaving Toronto, Vince Carter is still booed upon his return.

Yesterday, he gave the Air Canada Centre fans one more reason to stew.

Carter scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half as the Orlando Magic beat the Raptors 104-96.

The ex-Raptors star overcame a wretched first half that saw him score just six points on 2-for-11 shooting.

Carter's torrid second half allowed the Magic (11-3) to hand the Raptors (6-8) just their second home loss of the season.

Orlando is responsible for both of Toronto's home losses, this one coming in front of an ACC crowd of 17,233.

Forward Chris Bosh led the Raptors with 22 points while Jose Calderon added 16, Amir Johnson 14 and former Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu 12. Andrea Bargnani scored 11 points before fouling out with 4:15 left.

After the game, Carter said he doesn't know why he's still portrayed as the bad guy in Toronto.

"I don't know why they are booing me to be honest," Carter said.

"But it's all good. I enjoy playing in that atmosphere and I enjoy coming back here and playing and just being part of this."

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Orlando Magic player Vince Carter, left, drives to the basket past Toronto Raptor Hedo Turkoglu during yesterday's action at the Air Canada Centre.

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After much time, Montreal appears ready to enter MLS

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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It's a little like breaking the news that the sun will rise today or, perhaps, that politicians are corrupt.

It's expected and, frankly, when it happens, no one is really all that surprised. So when I got a call Thursday from a source to tell me the Montreal Impact had reached an agreement with MLS to join the league, my reaction was, "Well, that makes sense."

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Montreal could have closed this deal in 2008 if not for financial commitment issues from its partners, but now it appears the deal is done and Montreal will be joining MLS in 2012.

Three independent sources have confirmed that Montreal has agreed on the $35-million US expansion fee and the team will be announced this March.

Meanwhile, the Impact are still waiting on an announcement from the Quebec government, who they are counting on for a $25-million boost to renovate Saputo Stadium, where the Impact play.

The Liberals, the controlling party there, have been frozen for months, worried over how the public would view funding a soccer stadium in the midst of a recession.

But, according to sources, that concern, much like the recession, is starting to thaw. The province, a longtime sponsor of the team through its Hydro-Quebec arm, is prepared to commit funding to the stadium.

After accepting an invitation to attend the MLS Cup festivities, Saputo spent the past weekend in Seattle, meeting with league officials to finalize the deal.

The Impact will pay less than the original $40-million US asking price but will enter the league a year after Vancouver and will be faced with a myriad of domestic player issues as they wade into the shallow Canadian player pool.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

Latest UFC main event sparks controversy as judges criticized

FIGHTING Mixed martial arts may be enjoying rapid growth but it is also experiencing growing pains when it comes to judging.

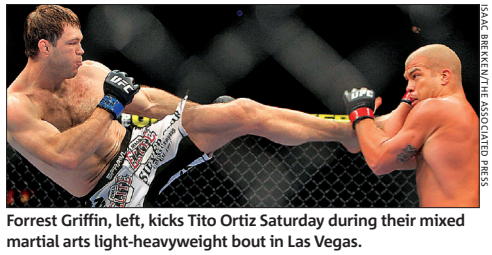
For the third card in a row, the UFC found itself frustrated and somewhat on the defensive Saturday night after Forrest Griffin won a split decision over Tito Ortiz at UFC 106 in a matchup of former light-heavyweight champions.

The judges were as much up for discussion as the main event fighters.

The Griffin-Ortiz fight was close, with Ortiz dominating in the early going and Griffin rallying to take control in the end.

But where eyebrows were raised was in the all-over-the-map judging. The final verdict was 29-28, 30-27, 29-28 for Griffin.

"When you watch a fight like this tonight and you hear a 30-27 score, I don't even know, I'm so exhausted by this whole thing," UFC president Dana White said of the judging. "It's tiring, it's terrible, these athletic commissions need to start looking at this ... It's wrong." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Forrest Griffin, left, kicks Tito Ortiz Saturday during their mixed martial arts light-heavyweight bout in Las Vegas.

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Shaq faces hurdle in bid to become special deputy

Hoping to further his off-the-court career in law enforcement, Cleveland Cavaliers star Shaquille O'Neal has applied to become a special deputy in Ohio. But the (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported yesterday that O'Neal must pass an examination and undergo training first. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed fumbles the ball on a punt return in the closing minute of yesterday's game against the Indianapolis Colts. The Colts recovered the ball and won 17-15.

Colts stay undefeated

The undefeated Indianapolis Colts found yet another way to win a close game, their 19th straight victory.

The 17-15 win secured on former Ravens kicker Matt Stover's go-ahead field goal gave Indianapolis (10-0) the second-longest streak in NFL history behind a 21-game run by the New England Patriots (2006-08). Indy received an inspired performance from the defence and overcame an uncharacteristic three turnovers.

Much to the dismay of the Ravens and their fans, Stover booted the decisive field goal with 7:02 left. Colts linebacker Gary Brackett then intercepted Joe Flacco's pass at the Indianapolis 13 with 2:42 remaining, and the Colts kept the ball until the closing seconds.

Baltimore's last gasp ended when Ed Reed fumbled on a punt return with 17 seconds left.

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More bad news for Bills

- The Buffalo Bills are even more banged up following an injury-filled 18-15 loss against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Running back Marshawn Lynch (shoulder), guard Eric Wood (leg), guard Seth McKinney (knee) and defensive tackle John McCargo (calf) left yesterday's game and did not return.

Riders will face Als in Grey Cup game

CFL Darian Durant threw three touchdown passes — including two in the second half — to power the Saskatchewan Roughriders past the Calgary Stampeders 27-17 in the West Division final yesterday.

With the win, Saskatchewan will meet the Montreal Alouettes in the Grey Cup at Calgary's McMahon Stadium next weekend. The Alouettes beat B.C. 56-18 in the East Division final earlier yesterday.

It will mark the first time Montreal and Saskatchewan have ever met in the CFL title game.

The game was also the first time in 33 years that Saskatchewan had finished first in the West Division and earned the right to host the West Division final. The win completed the Riders' dominance of Calgary as they finished the season with a 3-0-1 head-to-head record against the defending Grey Cup champions.

Durant broke a 10-10 halftime tie with two TD strikes in the second half. His third of the game was a 16-yard toss to Rob Bagg that put the Riders ahead for good.

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Sports in brief

ICE DANCING Canadian ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir skated a world's best performance to capture gold yesterday at HomeSense Skate Canada International, a solid ending to an up-and-down week for the Canadian team less than three months before the Vancouver Olympics.

NHL The banged-up Detroit Red Wings have lost defenceman Niklas Kronwall for at least a month with a sprained ligament in his left knee. The team announced yesterday that Kronwall will be out four to eight weeks.

SOCCER Jermain Defoe scored five goals as Tottenham overwhelmed Wigan 9-1 yesterday while Blackburn ended a run of five straight away defeats with a 2-0 victory at Bolton.

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NHL

OVERALL STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Washington	23	13	5	5	82	69	31
d-Pittsburgh	23	15	8	0	71	66	30
d-Buffalo	20	12	6	2	54	50	26
New Jersey	21	14	6	1	58	48	29
Philadelphia	20	12	7	1	69	54	25
Ottawa	20	11	6	3	62	59	25
Tampa Bay	21	9	5	7	56	63	25
Boston	22	10	8	4	53	56	24
Atlanta	20	10	7	3	71	61	23
N.Y. Rangers	22	11	10	1	65	61	23
Montreal	23	11	11	1	57	66	23
N.Y. Islanders	23	8	8	7	63	71	23
Florida	21	10	9	2	60	69	22
Carolina	22	5	12	5	53	81	15
TORONTO	21	4	11	6	54	78	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
d-San Jose	25	16	5	4	85	62	36
d-Chicago	21	14	5	2	69	49	30
d-Colorado	23	13	7	3	69	67	29
Calgary	21	13	6	2	67	59	28
Los Angeles	24	13	9	2	73	75	28
Columbus	21	12	6	3	65	72	27
Phoenix	23	13	9	1	59	55	27
Detroit	21	11	6	4	67	61	26
Dallas	22	10	6	6	68	65	26
Nashville	21	12	8	1	50	56	25
Vancouver	22	12	10	0	67	59	24
Edmonton	23	9	11	3	68	75	21
St. Louis	20	8	8	4	48	50	20
Minnesota	22	8	12	2	54	68	18
Anaheim	21	7	11	3	60	73	17

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
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NBA

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	4	.714	-
TORONTO	6	8	.429	4
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4½
New York	3	10	.231	6½
New Jersey	0	13	.000	9½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
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Alberta goes back on plan to cap post-secondary tuition

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Workology

Co-eds binge more?

A new study published in the Journal of American College Health suggests that students living in coeducational housing are much more likely to engage in binge drinking than those in all-male or all-female housing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canada falling short with its college funding: ACCC

EDUCATION If Canada's colleges, institutes, and polytechnics are to keep pace with its international competitors, the federal government must quickly ramp up its support for these institutions, says Association of Canadian Community Colleges president James Knight.

While the ACCC praises Ottawa for implementing the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, the program falls short of the estimated $7 billion required to modernize and expand Canada's colleges, institutes, and polytechnics.

In terms of capital investment, ACCC calls for a 5-year program that would make $2.5 billion available to leverage matching provincial, private sector, and institutional investments.

The association also recommends Ottawa increase its current research and development funding by $150 million and create an applied research and development fund.

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More money, more problems

New study finds Canadians choosing personal life over personal wealth

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for Metro Canada

Canadians are more interested in leading fulfilling lives than they are in monetary or career success, a new study shows.

The study, conducted by market research firm Angus Reid, found that more than three quarters of Canadians (77 per cent) are focused more on their personal life experiences than their careers.

The study also found that when asked to prioritize different aspects of their lives, nearly half of Canadians (45 per cent) said that time with family and friends is most important to them, followed by a healthy lifestyle (17 per cent) and rich life experiences (15 per cent), with monetary (nine per cent) and career success (seven per cent) much less important to Canadians on average.

Jeremy Gutsche from Trendhunter.com, a magazine that tracks and reports on cultural trends, says life-fulfillment is proving to be a powerful career force for many Canadians.

"There are a lot of situations where people are seeking out fuller experiences. People want to enrich themselves, even if it means taking a pay cut," Gutsche said.

Thirty-seven per cent of respondents in the study also said the economic recession has made them re-evaluate what is important to them, less than 10 per cent said making more money or finding greater career success is their main priority.

In tougher economic times, Gutsche says people are more likely to reconsider their life priorities as people around them lose their jobs and start up new careers.

"Even if you don't lose your job, you see people lose their jobs and ask yourself, 'What if?' You might reconsider what's important to you," he said.

Master caterer Mike Thompson worked in the Vancouver film industry for 12 years before realizing he was missing out on time with the most important people in his life — his family. The pay was excellent but Thompson frequently worked up to 100 hours per week and hardly saw his children awake.

"My son told me he couldn't remember what I looked like. You wake up one day and realize you've missed a lot," Thompson said.

Two years ago he quit his job and opened his own sandwich shop, Duke's on Broadway in downtown Vancouver. He counts many of his former coworkers as customers now and while he makes less money on the bottom line, he gets to spend as much time every day with his family as he wants.

"Getting ahead was most important to me before. Now it's enjoying life."

The study shows that Canadians are choosing to enrich their lifestyles, even if it means taking a pay cut.

Findings

- 63 per cent of British Columbians believe they lead enriched lifestyles, the highest rate in the country
- 42 per cent of Albertans say the recession has caused them to re-evaluate what's important in their lives, and 51 per cent say that they have recently changed the focus of their lives.
- Residents of the Prairie provinces are Canada's most optimistic: 89 per cent stated they are optimistic about the future
- Ontarians responded most favourably to the thought of spending more time at home with the family (31 per cent).
- 20 per cent of Atlantic Canadians are most interested in pursuing a life-long ambition, compared with 12 in B.C. and 15 in Ontario.

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Keeping the crosswords puzzling

How one of Canada's prominent creators got a late start and climbed to top of the industry

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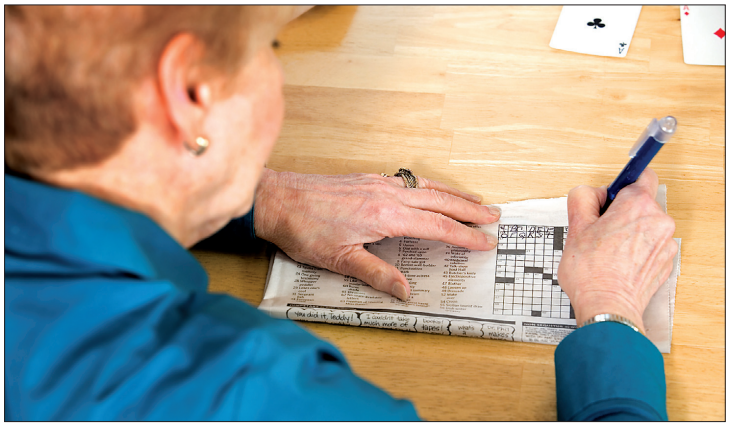

Kathleen Hamilton's crosswords challenge and entertain Canadians across the country everyday.

Talk about your late bloomer: one of Canada's foremost crossword writers only started doing crossword puzzles in her 50s.

"I always loved words and had a big vocabulary and was a big reader from an early age," says Kathleen Hamilton, now 67. The Montrealer was born in Saskatchewan and majored in French at the University of Saskatchewan. She ended up in Toronto, where she lived for 20 years, working as an editor.

But around the time she got into puzzles, chronic fatigue syndrome made working full-time a challenge. So she moved out to Victoria in 1997 to become a freelance writer.

Not long after the move, she read an article about how to write your own crosswords. Hamilton grabbed a piece of paper and gave it a try.

"I loved it. It was so engrossing, it was wonderful."

She bought crossword-making software and decided to produce four pamphlets of puzzles a year.

Realizing this plan would take far too much work, Hamilton soon created a larger annual book, put a big maple leaf on the cover, and hauled it to Toronto for the fall 1998 Word on the Street book and magazines fair.

When the publisher of the Toronto Star, John Honderich, walked by, she gave him a book. The following February, the Star called — readers were demanding more Canadian content in their puzzles.

Hamilton's North of 49 puzzle has been running on Saturdays ever since. It's now syndicated and appears in papers across the country. One week a month, she creates a batch of four new puzzles to run in the newspaper.

Hamilton starts by creating four different word lists of 100 words each. She tries to make most of the long words Canadian.

She selects some grids and lets her computer program generate several possible puzzles for each list. She picks the ones that look the best, then it's on to the task of creating clues.

Armed with a dictionary, she writes clues that are accurate and fun without being too hard or abstract. She keeps a record of all the clues she's written — she now has thousands — so she can reuse an old one if she likes, but avoids repeating them too often.

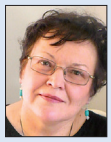
She then looks over the crossword to make sure it's entertaining and not too hard, and double checks for mistakes.

When she's not crossword creating, Hamilton works on her business — she's currently self-publishing an annual collection — or spends time with her grandson.

Does she still love puzzles? She's actually tired of regular crosswords: she's now into Sudoku and cryptic crosswords.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown



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McMaster union angered by school's attempt to cut hours
The union representing McMaster University teaching and research assistants returning to work after a strike says the university is punishing them by reducing their first-term hours by eight per cent. McMaster says the union and the institution negotiated the return-to-work agreement. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ontario heavily investing in research

FUNDING The Ontario government announced this week it is investing $33 million to support over 300 McMaster University researchers involved in health, digital media, and clean energy research projects.

The funding will support the development of sophisticated new biomaterials and devices, the production of a new generation of advanced solar cells that capture and convert much more of the sun's rays, and the prevention and treatment of acute intestinal infections.

$33M
The Ontario government has promised $33 million to McMaster University as part of its province wide investment in researchers and their projects.

The investment is part of a $268-million Ontario-wide investment that will support 214 projects and over 3,300 researchers in 14 cities.

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Recession takes its toll

Study shows low workplace morale spreading

Workers have navigated increased workloads, longer hours and strained resources during this recession. Some of these challenges have taken been contributing to low workplace morale.

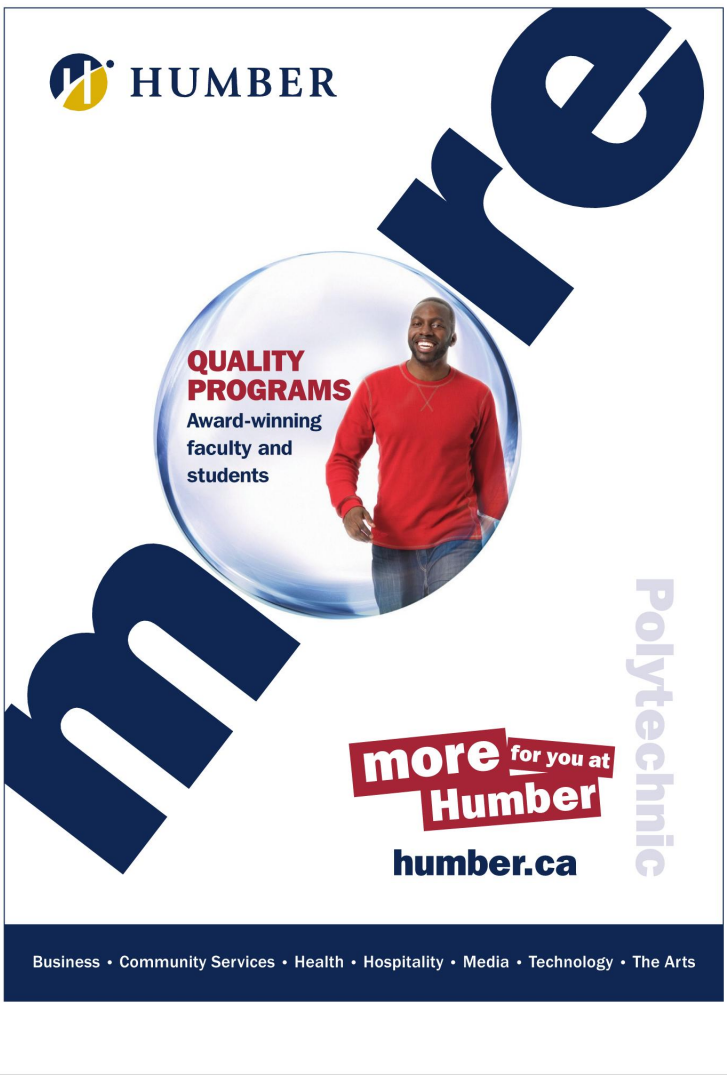
The new study showed that 40 per cent of workers felt it was difficult to stay motivated and did not feel loyal to their employer.

A new CareerBuilder survey of more than 2,900 employers reveals that nearly a quarter (23 per cent) rate their organization's current employee morale as low — significantly up from years past. Additionally, 40 per cent of workers report that they have had difficulty staying motivated at work in the last year and a quarter (24 per cent) do not feel loyal to their current employer.

"Low morale levels are an unfortunate side effect of this recession," said Jason Ferrara, vice president of corporate marketing for CareerBuilder. "As a result, employers are taking measures to help address negative workplace sentiment and motivate their employees. Whether it's through stepping up communication, offering more employee recognition programs or providing flexible work opportunities, organizations are doing what they can to proactively manage low morale."

Workers revealed a variety of factors that could be contributing to low morale levels. Two-in-five said that their stress level at work is high and nearly half (47 per cent) said that their workload has increased in the last six months.

One-in-five are dissatisfied with their work/life balance. METRO NEWS SERVICES



College vandals cause $100,000 in damage
An incident of vandalism last month at Grande Prairie Regional College has delayed renovations to the school's fine arts wing by three weeks. In the early hours of Oct. 24, someone got in and turned on a 38-millimetre water valve from a fire house cabinet, causing about $100,000 in damages. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Avoiding the work holi-daze

Simple steps on how to prevent holiday hell over Christmas

During the holiday season, we all may make questionable choices, like wearing knitted snowman sweaters, overindulging at the dinner table or serving turducken. But according to administrative staffing firm OfficeTeam, the decisions professionals make before going on vacation can mean the difference between a relaxing respite or a harried holiday.

"Taking time off provides an opportunity for employees to recharge and come back to work refreshed," said OfficeTeam executive director Robert Hosking. "However, those who don't lay the proper groundwork before they leave may find themselves constantly connected to the office while on holiday breaks or overloaded when they return."

OfficeTeam offers five common vacation missteps and tips for avoiding them:

Before going on vacation, be sure to re-schedule any meetings you might have to avoid angering your co-workers.

1. Carving out time at the last minute. Coordinate vacation dates with your team as early as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts or a lack of project coverage. Be sure to let your coworkers and other business contacts know when you'll be out.

2. Acting like a turkey. Use your out-of-office features wisely by including an alternate contact on your voice-mail or e-mail notices. This ensures people get immediate assistance and assignments stay on track.

3. Ruffling colleagues' feathers. Forgetting to cancel or reschedule meetings planned during your vacation is discourteous to others who set time aside to talk to you. Also, mark your time off on any group calendars so people know when you are not available.

4. Overstuffing your inbox. Examine the storage capacity on your e-mail inbox to ensure you have plenty of space to receive large-size files while you're away. In addition, clean out your voice-mail box.

5. Not clearing your plate. Avoid scheduling meetings for the morning of your return so you can spend the time getting up to speed on assignments and catching up on e-mail.

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Cyrus saddened by driver's death

After one of Miley Cyrus' tour buses crashed on the weekend, leaving the driver dead, the Cyrus family wrote a message on her website, expressing their condolences. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of Bill 'Uncle Bill' Douglas," the message read. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Close shave

Demi Moore is defending a photo of herself on the latest cover of W, insisting on Twitter that the image was not altered, even though a piece of her hip appears to have been shaved off. METRO WORLD NEWS

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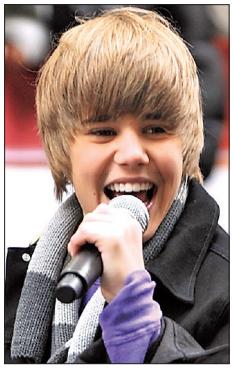
Justin Bieber fans lose control in New York

Police on Long Island had to shut down a mall appearance by Canadian teen pop singer Justin Bieber after thousands of young girls showed up, and got a little too wild.



Justin Bieber

Girls and adults in the crowd of nearly 3,000 started pushing and shoving on Friday as they waited for the 15-year-old from Stratford, Ont., to show at a clothing store at the Roosevelt Field Mall in Garden City.

Bieber's appearance was still two hours away when things got out of hand.

Five people were taken to hospitals with minor injuries.

Island Records, which released the Canadian teen's first album, My World, last week, apologized to fans in a written statement.

His album was the top selling CD last week in Canada in a list published by HMV Canada.

"People started screaming, 'Justin!' And they ran forward and the ropes collapsed," said 13-year-old Aimee Macchi. She said she was knocked to the floor in the rush. "Everyone was pushing. There was no room to breathe."

Police arrested a vice president from Bieber's record label, Island Def Jam Records, saying he wasn't cooperating with attempts to disperse the crowd.

James Roppo, 44, of Hoboken, N.J., was charged with a series of misdemeanours, including endangering the welfare of children and obstructing governmental administration.

"We asked for his help in getting the crowd to go away by sending out a Twitter message," said Nassau County Police Det. Lt. Kevin Smith. "By not cooperating with us, we feel he put lives in danger and the public at risk."

Some kids and their parents had camped out before dawn for the 4 p.m. event.

Bieber never made it into the building.

"They are not allowing me to come into the mall," he said in a message sent to fans through Twitter.

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The Road warrior

Viggo Mortensen throws himself into post-apocalyptic role

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

Listening to Viggo Mortensen describe production on his latest film, the big-screen adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Road, you'd think he's been through the post-apocalyptic events of the book himself.

Viggo Mortensen and Kodi Smit-McPhee star in The Road, based on Cormac McCarthy's novel.

"At the end, there was a sense of satisfaction in having gotten through it OK," he says. "If the movie turns out well, then fine. But the actual experience was intense."

The movie indeed turned out well, with Mortensen already garnering Oscar buzz for his portrayal of an unnamed father navigating the ravaged, cannibal-lurking highways of the U.S. after an unnamed disaster, trying to keep his young son (newcomer Kodi Smit-McPhee) safe. But it was a role the actor wasn't originally interested in taking on.

"I was reluctant," he admits. "I initially said, 'I don't think so.' I said to my agent, 'I can't. I'm really worn out. I won't be focused.' And then I looked at the story and I thought, 'Well, being worn out? That works.'"

Once he'd signed on, Mortensen threw himself into his usual process for preparing for a role.

"I tried to do things that I thought would be helpful, like listening to certain kinds of music, watching certain kinds of movies to get me in a certain state where I could go to those places that the character demanded emotionally," he says.

The Road opens in theatres on Friday.

But the usual techniques didn't work for this project, Mortensen found. "It was very different than any other role in the sense of how much I had to throw away. It's about being naked emotionally and just being honest about it," he says.

Production on the film took them out into the wilds of Pennsylvania, Oregon and Louisiana, exposing cast and crew to the elements. Mortensen says it was that aspect that really pushed his performance to where it needed to be.

"As much as we didn't like it, the fact that we were so cold and we were wet all the time and tired actually helped us," he says. "Let's say it hadn't been a relatively low-budget movie and it had been shot with green screen. It just wouldn't have been the same. It forced us to places emotionally."

One scene stood out above the others for Mortensen, as far as surviving the elements goes: Late in the film, his character has to swim out to a wrecked ship to scavenge, racing completely naked into the churning surf.

"It was cold," Mortensen remembers. "Very cold. I asked for another take, but they didn't want me to. They were terrified. They had ambulances standing by. The water was about 41 F, and the air temperature was the same.

"I just sat in the ambulance in a bathrobe and said, 'Just tell me when you're rolling. I'm just going to run out and go.'"

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Rare Darwin book
An auction house says it is selling a rare first edition of Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species found in a family's guest lavatory in southern England. The book will be auctioned on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ups and downs of a Tumblette's life

Jaime-Leigh Fairbrother bares all daily through her blog on the Tumblr site

Socialite

Rea McNamara

Read her blog at metronews.ca/socialite

Canadian Jaime-Leigh Fairbrother (a.k.a jaimeleigh) is supposedly a Tumblette: young, sexy and an oversharer. The Tumblette — a vogue-ish tag for a female type who blogs on the website Tumblr — "lifecasts" with an edge.

She lives in public, fully aware embarassing personal details — shared through links, videos and texts — are archived and indexed.

On her "for the story goes" Tumblr, the Toronto-based Jaime-Leigh Fairbrother bares all daily — from a series of self-point-and-shoot photos the 20-something blond snapped for a Semi-Naked-Picture-Day, to a controversial posting that included a spreadsheet mapping her bed-hopping history.

"People have a weird love for these sexual things," says Fairbrother, who in person, is surprisingly demure. "We all talk about it... yet if you're honest and shameless about it, you're judged."

At first glance, Fairbrother's Tumblr is a female version of Tucker Max, whose drunken bro-ish hijinks recently made it to the big screen in I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell.

It's made Fairbrother a love-her-or-hate-her Tumblette: She's garnered a cult of 800 to 900 active followers and, last week, was ranking higher than other micro-celebrities and fellow oversharers, like Internet star Julia Allison.

Call it narcissism or savvy self-marketing, but Allison pioneered the 24/7 fame ball lifecast via 24/7 text, photo and video postings with her site, Julia.Nonsociety.com

Fairbrother's quick to recognize her Tumblr began over a year ago as a lonely, soliloquy-ing stream.

Her postings quickly garnered followers, especially through Tumblr's unique re-blogging feature — the re-posting of content allows users to trace how one post is amplified or subverted by other users — which created a dialogue that would bounce between her, her followers and even non-followers.

"It's emoting — you want to complain and hear six people say, 'I hear you, sister,'" explains Fairbrother of Tumblr's idyllic social fantasy. "You do have a community who know your stories... but (they're) strangers who know you very well."

As a result, Fairbrother isn't just a Tumblette speaking within a echo chamber — she's connecting across different niches and communities, showing different facets of her self, online. Her embarrassments, like it or not, break barriers.

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

Tumblr-ing

• Last week, New York social media-ite Justin Johnson traded the usual down-on-one-knee with an online video marriage proposal posted on Tumblr. More than 9,900 "liked" the proposal (His fiancé Marissa Nystrom's response: "YESSSSSSSS!"), but cynics like BBook.com called it an "advertising stunt" for the up-and-coming platform's future marketing initiatives.

GETTY IMAGES

Famous Tumblr

• Justine Bateman (a.k.a. Family Ties' Mallory Keaton), shown, is strangely enough one of the most-renowned celeb Tumblettes. The former 1980s child star runs online production company FM78.TV (responsible for an online IKEA campaign) and recently testified on net neutrality in front of the U.S. Senate.

A scene from The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

Weekend box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **The Twilight Saga: New Moon:** $140.7 million US
2. **The Blind Side:** $34.5 million
3. **2012:** $26.5 million
4. **Planet 51:** $12.6 million
5. **A Christmas Carol:** $12.6 million
6. **Precious:** $11 million
7. **The Men Who Stare at Goats:** $2.8 million
8. **Couples Retreat:** $2 million
9. **The Fourth Kind:** $1.7 million
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Over the course of two days, Devo will perform the 1978 album Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are Devo! and 1980's Freedom Of Choice.

Whipping up the past

Devo performs pair of classic albums live in their entirety

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"I'll be honest. We were asked to do this," admits Gerald Casale, bassist/vocalist for legendary new wave popsters Devo.

He's referring to the band's current tour that finds the Ohio-based quartet performing two consecutive nights in each town. The first evening is a live replication of their debut 1978 album Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are Devo! (commonly truncated to Are We Not Men), while the second finds them switching over to 1980 breakthrough Freedom Of Choice.

Casale points out that while the tour coincides with deluxe re-releases of the same efforts and precurses their forthcoming as-yet untitled (details are few yet rumours abound about the moniker Fresh) ninth studio album, the demand to perform albums in their entirety actually came from fans.

"There were people in London (England) that wanted us to recreate Are We Not Men. They loved it because it was arcane. ... It went so well that by the time we got back home, we were already getting pressured to do the same here."

Happily agreeing, the band found themselves faced with a dilemma: which album to do. Genuine North American Devo-tees prefer hearing Are We Not Men, yet it wasn't until Freedom Of Choice — featuring hits such as Whip It and Girl U Want coupled with their iconic flower pot hats and hazmat suits — that the band found commercial success on home turf.

"We were bickering over which one to do and I innocently said, 'Why don't we do both?' Then, we had to re-learn a lot of songs and add in some factors to make the concept work," Casale admits, adding that the tour is more of a Devo "experience" than a simple concert.

In Concert

- Devo plays the Phoenix Concert Theatre tonight and tomorrow.

Jackson makes AMA history with four posthumous wins

Michael Jackson was made history by winning four American Music Awards last night, but the pop legend couldn't beat Taylor Swift as the year's favourite artist.

The 19-year-old took the evening's top award, giving Jackson his only loss of the night.

Jackson's trophies were accepted by his brother Jermaine, who paid tribute to his late brother by wearing glittery white glove.

His sister Janet's performance didn't acknowledge her late brother, as she did at the MTV Video Music Awards, but it did remind fans of her just-released greatest-hits album, "Number Ones."

With five nominations, Jackson had been poised to become the American Music Awards winningest posthumous artist.

Swift was the night's most nominated with six nods. She was named favourite female pop/rock artist and her album, Fearless, won best country album. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The shimmering, white glove Michael Jackson wore when he premiered his trademark moonwalk dance in 1983 was auctioned off for $350,000 — plus tax — on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mix of Six

Music
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The It's Always Something comedy show, in support of Gilda's Club Greater Toronto, takes place at 8 p.m. at the Princess of Wales Theatre, 300 King St. W. $99 to $250. ticketking.com.

Reading
Readings from first-time novelists Diane Flacks, Ruth Marshall, Nick Pemberton, Anne Perdue and Sarah Weatherwax takes place at the Free Times Cafe, 320 College St., at 8 p.m.

Theatre
Tony-winning composer Jason Robert Brown performs with Toronto Youth Music Theatre Company and others. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W. ticketweb.ca.

Hockey
The Maple Leafs take on the New York Islanders when they visit Air Canada Centre tonight at 7 p.m. mapleleafs.nhl.com.

Family
The Princess And The Handmaiden, by Leslie Arden, is being performed at the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People. lktyp.ca.

In brief

PEOPLE John Travolta and his family made their first public appearance in their adopted Florida hometown since his son's death, helping raise thousands of dollars for charity at a screening of the actor's new comedy Friday night. Travolta, wife Kelly Preston and daughter Ella Bleu greeted hundreds of fans for a sneak preview of Disney's Old Dogs. An emotional Travolta thanked the crowd for supporting the family since 16-year-old Jett Travolta died Jan. 2.
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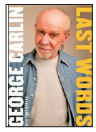
Words fuses comedy and bio

BookPicks

Last Words
Author: George Carlin with Tony Hendra
Publisher: Free Press
Price: $32.00 (Hardcover)

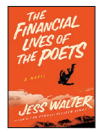


The 2008 death of American comedian George Carlin marked the passing of one of the country's preeminent comic forces. In Last Words, his life is recounted, based on a series of conversations between he and comedian friend Tony Hendra, from the time Carlin came "barreling down the birth canal" to his final days. Coloured by the humour and quick style of his standup, Last Words fuses comedy with biography, observing Carlin's upbringing, relationships and both the bad and good he was known for, including drug addiction and his famous Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television routine.

Prince of Stories
Author: Hank Wagner, Christopher Golden & Stephen R. Bissette
Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin
Price: $22.99 (Paperback)

Although he's just shy of 50-years-old, English novelist Neil Gaiman is the subject of Prince of Stories, a thorough biographical and critical guidebook of the fantasy, horror and science fiction author. The often-feted writer came to wide recognition with his graphic novel Sandman, which helped advance the popularity of the medium itself. The book mines Gaiman's genre-spanning works from novel Anansi Boys, through children's books like Coraline and The Graveyard Book to film screenplays like 2007s Beowulf. Full of candid interviews with the author himself, this Gaiman guide will educate newcomers and existing fans.

The Financial Lives of Ethe Poets
Author: Jess Walter
Publisher: Harper
Price: $33.99 (Hardcover)



Matt Prior's brainwave to launch Poetfolio.com, a portal for his financial poetry, might have seemed like his opportunity to showcase creativity in numbers. But a bad idea is a bad idea and Matt must crawl back to the business journalist gig he left to hone his talents, just to be fired soon after. With a wife and two kids to support, Matt finds himself, like most other Americans, in financial distress. That's until a quick insomnia fix becomes a new business venture: marijuana dealer. Faced with dangers of an illegal industry, losing his home and maybe even his wife to a Facebook flame, Matt's problems transcend financial in this warm satire.
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	305	612	306	PIX	(7:15) *Last Night* ★★★ (1998, Comedy-Drama)				*Memento* ★★★ (2000, Suspense) Guy Pearce.				*Premonition* ★
	520	-	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs (N)		Canada's Worst Driver (N)		Daily Planet
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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
It's the battle of the dueling public relations campaigns in this new episode. Thorne wants the church to have a higher profile in the community, so he asks Sarah to help. Not to be outdone, Amaar enlists Nate's help in boosting the mosque's image in "Saving Sarah Hamoudi." 8:30 PM on CBC

Symphonic Landscapes
"Beethoven's Ninth Symphony" brings that amazing piece of music to audiences through the melodious magic of conductor Kent Nagano and the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal. The first three movements are played alongside documentary footage about the influence of Beethoven and his talent. 8 PM on BVO

CSI: Miami
It probably unlikely that we'll see new editions of Clue in which Miss Scarlet murders Colonel Mustard in the drawing room with a jellyfish, but the tentacled creatures are, in fact, used as a lethal weapon in the new episode "Kill Clause." 10 PM on CTV CBS

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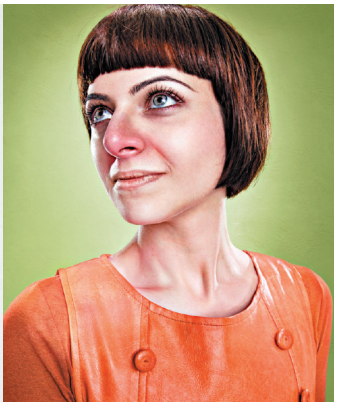

Richie released from hospital
Nicole Richie is back at home with her family. Suffering from pneumonia, the 28 year-old star checked into Cedars-Sinai Hospital last week. USMAGAZINE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Ungaro eager to fire Lohan?

A FLOP OF A COLLECTION Ungaro's chairman is desperate to axe Lindsay Lohan's contract with the label, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls actress' debut collection for the French fashion house was a critical flop and her continued association with the brand has caused a row with chairman Asim Abdullah and CEO Mounir Moufarrige.

A source told the New York Post: "Asim wants her out now. Department stores in the States have already told him they won't be picking up the line if Lohan remains a collaborator, so it's a serious issue.

"Mounir wants to keep her on because it was his idea to hire her in the first place. He's trying to save face."

Earlier this month, Emanuel Ungaro — who has had no contact with the fashion house since his 2005 departure — blasted Lohan's collection.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stewart and Pattinson skip after-party to be alone

IT'S THEIR PARTY AND THEY CAN LEAVE IF THEY WANT TO Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson just want to be alone. The Twilight stars skipped out on a New Moon screening after-party at New York club The Box last week to hit up a bar by themselves, missing the chance to celebrate with Natalie Portman, Howard Stern and Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen.

"It was just the two of them and a bodyguard, who was keeping people away," a source tells Page Six. "They were ordering Belvedere vodka and Amstel Light, and were chatting and laughing. They left at 3 a.m."

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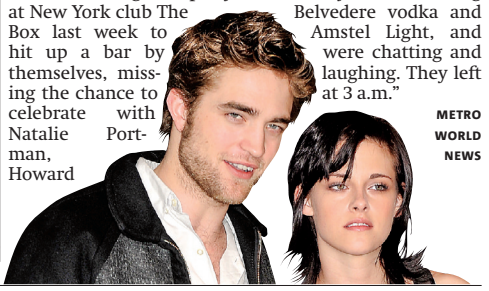

Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstong is having trouble making decisions, Pete Wentz goes to his fans for grooming advice, Sherri Shepherd thinks her plane landed safely because her Twitter followers said so.

- @lancearmstrong Good morning from Rancho Pelota. Wasn't gonna race, then decided to, then not, then yes.
- @petewentz presenting at the AMA's facial hair or no facial hair?
- @SherriEShepherd Made it home - thanks 4 prayers - I'm a big believer in the prayer power & especially Tweeps praying together!

METRO WORLD NEWS

Co-star friendship blooms

CLOSE FRIENDS ON AND OFF SCREEN Dakota Fanning says its a good thing she's become such a close friend with co-star Kristen Stewart, as the two have to share a steamy on-screen kiss in their upcoming project The Runaways, about Joan Jett's former band.

"We were so into the scene and into the script and the characters," the 15-year-old tells Access Hollywood. "We're playing Joan Jett and Cherie Curie and they're best friends in the film and we became really close in real life."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jon's peace offering to Kate

A REAL LIFE WAR OF THE ROSES Jon Gosselin showed up for a daylong divorce arbitration hearing Saturday with a bouquet of long-stemmed red roses for Kate — only to have her turn them down and later leave the courthouse empty-handed, people.com reports.

But while Jon wasn't able to say it with flowers, the former couple was able to express themselves well in other ways, leading to a "successful and productive" session, his lawyer Mark Heller tells People.

"This has been called the real-life War of the Roses," says Heller, referring to the 1989 black comedy in which Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner played bitterly battling spouses, "and he brought that as a peace offering to break the ice and try to bring the war to an end."

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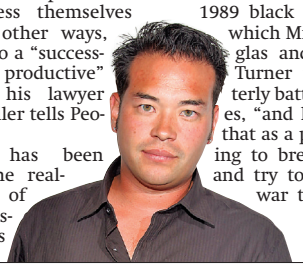

Levi keeps photos PG-13

A TASTEFUL SHOOT Photos from Levi Johnston's much-anticipated Playgirl pictorial made their debut early Saturday morning, with the father of Sarah Palin's grandson losing his shirt but keeping the poses decidedly PG-13, people.com reports. According to Daniel Nardicio, a spokesperson for Playgirl, additional photos of Johnston will be released on a weekly basis.

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Pam tells sons truth about tape

COMING CLEAN Pamela Anderson admits that she's had to come clean to her sons about her infamous sex tape with their dad, Tommy Lee. "I just said, 'Look, Mommy and Daddy were massively in love, we videotaped everything, everything was videotaped, and you're probably going hear about something at school,'" she says on a British TV special, according to the Sun.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Diddy throws himself an all-star b-day bash

SPLURGING ON THE BIG 4-0 Sean (Diddy) Combs knows how to party. The producer threw himself a lavish 40th birthday party in New York, spending a whopping $3 million US on the bash, according to Page Six.

The money went toward creating a Garden of Eden theme in a suite at the Plaza with a $30,000 orchid display, a specially installed black dance floor and black chandelier, a silver confetti drop and a performance by Al Green.

The all-star guest list included Bono, Jay-Z and Martha Stewart, and security was so tight that Twilight star Kellan Lutz had to sweet-talk his way into the VIP area.

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Carey exhibits diva demands

THE ROYAL TREATMENT Mariah Carey reportedly kept thousands of fans in London waiting at a Christmas lighting ceremony while she enjoyed a glass of champagne with husband Nick Cannon back at her hotel, according to the Daily Mail.

To make matters worse, the paper has obtained the list of demands Carey's people sent the event in advance of her appearance. According to the newspaper, the singer required an indoor fireworks display, 80 security guards, pink and white butterfly-shaped confetti blasted out over the crowd and a $330,000 US after-party.

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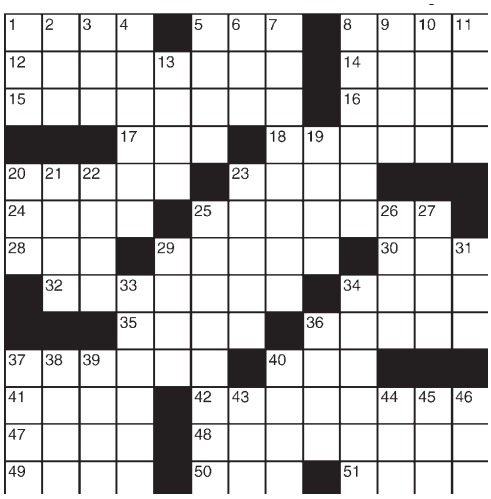

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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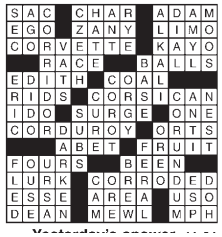
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day

Lamb Steaks Provençale

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 large red onion, diced
1 green pepper, diced
2 zucchini, diced
1 small fennel bulb, chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
4 tsp (20 ml) herbes de Provence
4 lean lamb leg steaks,
4 large plum tomatoes, diced
2 tbsp (25 ml) black olive tapenade

METHOD:

1. Heat oil, reserving about 2 tsp (10 ml), in deep frying pan and add onion, pepper, zucchini, fennel, garlic and herbs. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes or until softened and lightly browned.
2. While vegetables are cooking, brush lamb steaks lightly with remaining oil and season lightly. Cook, turning once, on hot ridged griddle or heavy-based frying pan 5-8 minutes, depending on thickness, until slightly pink in centre. Remove from heat.
3. Add tomatoes and tapenade to vegetables, then simmer 3-4 minutes or until softened. Add lamb steaks to vegetables, then serve.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you change your mind about something today you will most likely change it back again before the end of the week, so why change at all?

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Watch what you say over the next 24 hours. If you do go too far and use provocative words, apologize the moment you come to your senses.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You can quite easily wriggle out of what you are expected to do today but you won't be popular with people in positions of power.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Flattery will get you everywhere today except the one place you most want to go. For best results, be honest with colleagues and loved ones alike.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll feel the need to clear the air today, if only to start the week on the right note and let those around you know you don't intend to take prisoners.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The best way to deal with criticism is to ignore it. You may be tempted to hit back at someone's snide remarks but what's the point? Let it go.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Make sure that facts and figures add up today, because someone could be trying to trick you — and you could lose some serious money.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Be careful who you poke fun at today because the planets warn you could offend someone who has the power to make life difficult for you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't seem to be much in the mood for work as the new week gets under way, but that's okay. If a task bores you then don't force it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Everyone seems to have an opinion about what you are up to and, mostly, why you are doing it wrong. Ignore them all. If it works for you, go for it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You would be wise not to change your ways just because others expect it of you. Besides, the inner you will never really change.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Be totally truthful when dealing with others today, even if it means upsetting your friends or putting your standing on the work front in jeopardy.

This day in history

1959: General Charles de Gaulle, President of France, declares in a speech in Strasbourg his vision for a "Europe, from the Atlantic to the Urals."
1963: The BBC broadcast the first ever episode of Doctor Who, starring William Hartnell, which would become the world's longest science fiction drama to date.
1971: The representatives of the People's Republic of China first attended the United Nations, including the UN Security Council, as China's representatives.
2005: Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, elected president of Liberia, is the first woman to lead an African country.

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